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Mr Wilson urges the nation to support 'a year for Britain'

In a nationwide television broadcast last night the Prime Minister appealed to the people to help the fight against inflation by making the next year "a year for Britain". Everyone should support the Government's policy and refuse to be misled by the minorities opposed to it. The CBI said that price inflation had contributed to a drop of 7 per cent in real incomes in the past nine months. In the six months to last June the drop was nearly 10 per cent. Mr Murray, TUC general secretary, said that the £6 pay rises allowed under the government policy were an entitlement, not a maximum [Page 2].

United struggle against inflation

George Clark
Political Correspondent

Appealing to the nation to make next year "a year for Britain" in which a crucial advance would be made in the battle to halt inflation, the Prime Minister asked everyone last night to support the Government's wages policy and to refuse to be misled by minorities who might seek to cash in on the difficulties every family and industry would face.

Mr Wilson who had interrupted his holiday to make his television broadcast, emphasized that the limit on pay increases in the coming year was a maximum of £6 a week with no scope for negotiating exceptions. "Enough is enough justice", he said, "but necessary."

He believed that national support of wage restraint coupled with tight price controls, was fairly supported for its fairness. "It has massive support from the trade union movement, from some unions who had reservations in the past month have given it their support".

He gloomily reminded his audience of the shadow of unemployment. Until recently, he said, the loss of jobs in Britain was smaller than in most other advanced countries, but now it was getting grimmer each month.

How could he hold out any hope of a halt to price increases? "We have tight price controls, but there is a limit to what can safely be done by price control", he said.

Price control which cuts manufacturers' and traders' margins to the bone can drive firms into bankruptcy and cause further losses of jobs." Financial costs must be kept down and that meant all forms of wind all incomes. In what was obviously intended as a warning to militant trade unions, he added: "There may be those who, by the use of their own industrial muscle, feel that they could get for themselves such a pay increase as to enable them to escape the rigours of inflation.

Mr Wilson before his broadcast: "National self-discipline."

"In the short term, yes, at the expense of more unemployment, and at the expense of millions weaker than themselves. In the long term, they delude even themselves, for they and their families have to face the lash-back of the inflation they generated by their own actions."

Mr Whitelaw, deputy leader of the Opposition, who will reply on behalf of the Conservatives on television tonight, will want to expose some of Mr Wilson's omissions. There was nothing to warn people about the hardships and disappointments that would be caused by cuts in public spending, and nothing about the abandonment or postponement of the Government's plans for extending public ownership.

There also seemed to be a contradiction when Mr Wilson boasted about the protection given to the low-paid by subsidies and then emphasized that publicly owned industries would have to cover their costs from revenue.

After maintaining that the Government would see to it that excessive rises would not be paid to its own employees or in the nationalized industries, Mr Wilson said that local councils had been told that they must apply the limit equally strictly. "In the private sector, firms will not be allowed to pass on any excessive pay settlements in prices".

The national policy was an essential weapon against the growing menace of unemployment. "It is an essential expression of the national self-discipline required for us to get on the road to full employment.

"That is why the next year is crucial. It is the year in which we must say 'stop'. In those 12 months, while all incomes are limited, the living standards for many of our people will show no improvement; for very many they will fall. This harsh truth must not be disguised."

The battle could not be won in a single year.

"Everyone on both sides of industry must recognize that you cannot take out more than you put in", he added. "That means that restraint on incomes is not, of itself, enough. With it must go harder work, work better organized and, through more and better directed investments, more machine power at the workers' elbow."

He asked everyone to play his part. "Join the attack on inflation", he said. "Get involved. Help the consumer authorities to monitor prices.

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The British lesson on how to ruin a country

From Fred Emery
Washington, Aug 20

Britain, "for those who would learn from it, offers a model study in how to bring to ruin a once-vigorous nation", readers of the *Wall Street Journal* were told this morning.

The lament is from the authoritative pen of Mr Vermont Royster, former editor of the newspaper, now a columnist, and a professor of journalism at the University of North Carolina.

He has been in Britain much of the summer and even the joys of the QE2 have not diverted him.

He depicts unmitigated disaster, predicts "a total socialist state", and clearly worries that the same fate is in store for the United States by wondering whether "he has seen the future".

Mr Royster's villain is the welfare state.

He lists the outward and inward signs: the pound "not merely declining but plummeting" and "an inflation rate matched only by some newborn African country or one of the chronically-mismanaged Latin-American republics".

Internally, he notes the "decrepit" plant at firms which leaves few industries able to "compete either with its partners in the Common Market or with the outside world".

Britain's standard of living is shrinking for "peer and ploughman"; time is running out even for the powerful unions, and has already done so for the middle class.

"It is all very curious. Britain's undoing is it's own doing. It has been brought to this by the calculated policies of its government and by their resigned acceptance by the people."

For Mr Royster the formula has been simple. "You begin by putting upon a nation an economic burden it cannot bear. In Britain's case it was an all-encompassing welfare programme", and he lists all subsidies in addition to the health service.

It has to be paid for, either in an inflationary money supply increase by the Government printing presses or by taxation.

He writes: "The Government-printed money causes inflation which increases the cost of everything, including the welfare programme, which in turn calls for more printed money, accelerating the inflation. The higher taxes are needed not only to help pay the costs but to sop up the excesses of inflation."

"Those in strong labour unions who can demand wage increases of 30 per cent or more may have the illusion at first of keeping up. In fact, they rarely do because they enter new tax brackets, and because, as happened this spring, the Government raises VAT rates to offset wage rises . . .

"In any event the hourly wage earner sees little connexion between his wages and the productivity of his labour. He gains nothing from working harder, and so he doesn't. Hence the paradox that wages in Britain are still below those of the US but the actual wage costs in industry are higher."

Mr Royster sees it as perhaps intentional: "Spend and spend, tax and tax, inflate and inflate. It's not only a clear formula for wrecking an economy but also for assuring that out of the wreckage comes a total socialist state.

"Reduce people to the point where they cannot care for their needs, the state must. Reduce industry to the point where it cannot provide its own capital, the state must."

Off to Mars

Cape Canaveral, Aug 20.—A Viking spacecraft was launched today on a 230-million mile flight to Mars which had twice been delayed by equipment trouble.—UPI.

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CIA 'gave technological support to Israel to make atomic bomb after 1956 Suez war'

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in 1957 and 1958 provided the Israelis with the technological support needed to help them manufacture the atomic bomb, it was disclosed yesterday.

According to Mr Szulc, former foreign and diplomatic correspondent of *The New York Times*, the operation was carried out by the CIA's Counterintelligence Staff, then headed by Mr James Angleton, the man dismissed last December when Mr William Colby, the director, and his agency came under fire for alleged illegal domestic activities.

Mr Szulc is now a freelance and has contributed to *Foreign Affairs Quarterly*.

Writing in the September issue of *Penthouse* magazine, he says:

"Although the details of the Israeli nuclear enterprise are still top secret it is known that in the wake of the 1955 Suez War, the Eisenhower administration resolved to provide Israel with all possible help in developing an atomic weapon.

"The Israelis had the theoretical knowledge, but they needed technological support at their Dimona nuclear research centre in the Negev Desert."

According to top intelligence sources, Mr Szulc says, "the CIA was charged with the responsibility of providing this support to the Israelis—and Angleton directed the effort.

"Several nuclear scientists were secretly sent to Israel to work with Dimona scientists. The most important of them was a British-born physicist, now an American citizen working for the United States Government in Washington, with special and esoteric ties to the CIA."

The article goes on to say that persons close to Mr Angleton have confirmed this account in recent interviews. Reflecting Mr Angleton's own position, however, they have denied assertions from other sources that the CIA team made fissionable material—plutonium—available to the Israelis from United States stocks.

Mr Szulc asserts that "Angleton's firing was related to the preeminent role he played in the relations between the CIA and Israeli intelligence, something which both Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and Colby had resented for a long time. The domestic spying controversy was a convenient excuse for doing away with Angleton and his strongly pro-Israel personal views".

The *Penthouse* article is one of a series on the role of the United States intelligence agencies. It also discloses that the CIA attempted to kill President Sukarno of Indonesia in the late 1950s, and that in 1958 the CIA seriously considered the murder of Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, during a visit to Rangoon.

The latter plot was never carried forward, but the attempt at Dr Sukarno's life was aborted and "at least one American pilot, employed by the CIA, was captured by Sukarno's forces during the coup attempt".

Mr Szulc explains: "To kill Sukarno the CIA, according to intelligence sources, planned to fire a shell from a ceremonial 105mm cannon in front of the presidential palace while Sukarno spoke from a balcony. The plan, however, was vetoed on the highest levels in Washington."

Concerning the Chou En-lai assassination plot, Mr Szulc says the setting was to be his visit to Rangoon. "This was at the beginning of the Soviet-Chinese split, and apparently the CIA reasoned that Chou's death would aggravate the developing split."

He continues: "The notion was that Chou was a moderate and thus posed an obstacle to a possible Soviet-Chinese confrontation. Furthermore, intelligence sources said, the CIA planned, by the dissemination of 'disinformation' through intelligence channels, to lead the Chinese to believe that Chou was killed by the Russian KGB (secret police).

Mr Szulc goes on to say: "This murder plot, which was also stopped by Washington, provided for a Burmese CIA agent to place untraceable poison in a rice bowl from which Chou was expected to be eating at a government dinner in his honour".

This particular poison, intelligence sources said, "would have acted within 48 hours and there would be no trace of it if an autopsy were performed. The plan was countermanded at the last moment".

Dr Kissinger arrives in Israel today

Dr Kissinger, Secretary of State, was expected to get an unusually hostile reception on his arrival in Israel today for his latest Middle East peace shuttle. Security precautions were strong not only because of opposition by Israelis but also because of the danger of Palestine guerrilla action.

Meanwhile, four Israel aircraft raided a Lebanese valley near Baalbeck today possibly in retaliation for an earlier guerrilla attack from Lebanon

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Dr Kissinger: New peace talks

Bomb trial judge says the decision on sentencing was his alone

The judge who sentenced the Birmingham bombers to life imprisonment has denied suggestions that his decision not to make a recommendation that they should serve a minimum term of imprisonment was influenced by talks with members of the Government. In a letter to *The Times*, Mr Justice Bridge says that such a suggestion is totally unfounded. "I consulted no one. The decision was mine alone. If it was erroneous, the error was mine alone." He says he is taking the "wholly exceptional course" of responding to comments in the hope of forestalling further ill informed comment which misleads the public.

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Inflation 'increases risks to children'

Rising inflation is forcing more mothers to go out to work leaving children alone at home during the school holidays. The National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children says it is receiving an increasing number of calls from anxious neighbours. Dangers unattended children face include sexual assault, and injury through scalding, falling, electric shock or fire. The society is appealing for parents to seek its help in sorting out their difficulties before any harm comes to their children, instead of waiting until afterwards.

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Demand for bigger houses halted

Demand for expensive houses has been halted, at least temporarily, by inflation, mortgage restrictions, higher rates and fuel costs, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. It says people are sacrificing luxury housing as a long-term economy and seem content with modest homes. Prices had fallen and many large houses were extremely good value since it would be costly to build similar property in the future. A survey of estate agents showed that much of the recent improvement in house sales was concentrated at the bottom end of the market

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Police ransack Premier's home

Police ransacked the home of Mr Kukrit, the Thai Prime Minister, in Bangkok yesterday, accusing his government of allowing mob rule in the country. At the same time right-wing students attacked the campus of Thammasat University in Bangkok, which is said to provide the leaders for left-wing activist groups of students. Mr Kukrit said later that the situation was "quite relaxed" and pardoned the police

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Francis to lead England

Don Revie, the England football manager, has chosen Gerry Francis, of Queen's Park Rangers, to succeed Alan Ball as captain for the match with Switzerland and the rest of the season.

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Mass surrender threat by Davis campaigners

By Robert Parker

Mrs Shirley Chappell, wife of one of the organizers of the campaign for the release from prison of Mr George Davis, said last night that if a single person was charged with damaging the Test cricket pitch at Leeds early on Tuesday at least 150 people would give themselves up to the police and say they did it.

"We are all as guilty as one another", Mrs Chappell said at her home in Bow, east London. "If a single person is arrested by the police then we shall all give ourselves up together. There are about a hundred of the Davis family and at least 50 friends."

Four detectives from Leeds began investigations in east and south-east London yesterday. By last night no arrests had been made.

When two of them, accompanied by two Metropolitan Police detectives, asked Mr Peter Chappell, Mrs Chappell's husband, to go to Cannon Row police station, he refused on the ground that they had no warrant. He also refused to answer questions, and they left after 10 minutes.

Mr Chappell has helped to organize the campaign for the release of Mr Davis, a minicab driver, who was sent to prison for 20 years in April last year after being convicted of armed robbery. Friends who believe he is innocent claim to have spoilt the Leeds pitch, causing the third Test match between England and Australia to be abandoned.

After the police had left, Mr Chappell said the Leeds vandalism would be the last spectacular outrage in the name of Mr Davis, unless he was still in prison in three years' time. The aim now was to capitalize on the publicity gained.

"It's all been worth it", Mr Chappell said. "Every time people see the name George Davis they will now know what it's about. In other words, a man who was done by fixed police evidence."

However, Mr Colin Dean, Mr Davis's brother-in-law, was quoted in the London *Evening News* yesterday as saying there would be many more major incidents to publicize the case. The campaigners had tried to disrupt the Wimbledon tennis championships but had been thwarted by tight security, he told the newspaper.

Scotland Yard yesterday denied that it started looking into complaints about police evidence in the Davis case only after the Leeds incident had attracted wide publicity. Investigations began two weeks ago, it said.

Hertfordshire CID had been called in, under Det Supt Jack Moulder, because one of the men in the complaints department had been involved in the Davis case.

Mr Ronald Gregory, Chief Constable of the West Yorkshire Metropolitan Police, said yesterday that he was satisfied that the policeman on duty overnight at the Headingley cricket ground carried out his duty to the best of his ability.

Prisoner "horrified": Mrs Rosemary Davis said yesterday that her husband had been horrified to hear that the Headingley pitch had been damaged. Speaking after a visit to Albany Prison she said Mr Davis had told her: "My first reaction was to think that some Australians were the vandals, because there was a chance they might lose the Ashes. It took me 30 minutes to realize what had happened."

Vandalism imitated: Oil was poured on a cricket pitch at the Walshaw sports club at Bury, Lancashire, on Tuesday night, apparently in imitation of the Leeds vandalism, the Press Association reports.

Great care is being taken to protect the wicket at Chelmsford, where Essex play the Australians in a match starting on Saturday.

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The recession has been holding back earnings for some time. In the three months to June, earnings were rising at an annual rate of 16.3 per cent. June was the fifth consecutive month that that measure of wage inflation was under 20 per cent and the figures are evidence that the increase in wage costs has slowed.

The deceleration preceded the July White Paper measures so is not attributable to them. It is likely to lead to a moderation of price inflation in due course.

Yesterday the CBI predicted that the rate of price rises would be down to 10 per cent by the third quarter of next year. It said that "although the success of the pay policy is assumed here, the role of market forces in reducing the rate of wage inflation should not be overlooked and, even in the absence of government controls, some deceleration would have been assumed because of the level of unemployment".

Basic hourly wage rates rose by 1 per cent last month, according to figures released yesterday by the Department of Employment. That increase was much smaller than in May and June.

It contradicts suggestions that many pay settlements were rushed through at the time of the White Paper measures.

But it is possible that the publicity surrounding talks between the Government and the TUC over a voluntary policy contributed to the sharp jump in the wage rates index in May and June. Companies and unions may have decided to reach agreements before limits were announced.

The main groups to get rises last month were workers in agriculture in England and Wales, in the Post Office, in the retail drapery, outfitting and footwear trades, and in industrial and staff canteens.

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Power-sharing issue puts the brakes on Ulster politicians' discussions

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

The chances of political representatives of the Roman Catholic and Protestant communities agreeing on some future system of government for Northern Ireland suffered a further setback yesterday after the sudden adjournment of the latest and most crucial talks. Once again the stumbling block was power-sharing.

The talks were scheduled to take place on three separate days this week, but yesterday, after only four hours' the two delegations decided that there was no point in continuing today. The talks will resume on Tuesday.

A statement issued later from the Convention did not attempt to hide the fundamental differences which from the outset have made it unlikely that the new constitutional body could reach a successful conclusion.

Since the original election manifestos were presented last April the predominantly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party has insisted on playing an executive role in any new regional government.

However, the United Ulster Unionist coalition has always rejected that idea, reiterating that Mr Wilson has always spurned the idea of enforced coalitions to solve Britain's difficulties. Instead they have offered the SDLP the possible chairmanship of powerful legislative committees, which would function alongside a Cabinet elected only from the majority party.

Much of the welcome cordiality that surrounded early sessions of the Convention arose because both sides agreed to avoid reference to the basic areas of disagreement. Now that they have come out into the open the size of the gap has become apparent.

The Convention statement said that there were wide areas of possible agreement between both sides, but there was disagreement on the basic structure of executive government.

Politicians from both communities are deeply conscious of the renewed upsurge of sectarian violence and anxious not to shoulder the blame for any breakdown in the Convention. As a result, the opposing delegations, led respectively by Mr William Craig and Mr John Hume, are for the moment avoiding making further comment.

The sudden adjournment and the apparent absence of room for detailed negotiation will disappoint the Government. Although officials privately acknowledged the difficulties they had still held out the slender hope of a compromise.

Although the talks will resume on Tuesday after confidential documents outlining respective positions have been further studied, there is now even less optimism for the outcome than before they began.

A search continued last night on both sides of the border for a teenage boy who was abducted by armed men on Tuesday night at the Central Bar, Dundalk, after attempting to seek police assistance.

The latest kidnapping took place after the youth had run into Dundalk's Central Bar yelling at the customers to call for the police. Before anything could be done he was hustled away by armed men. There were later reports that he had been transferred from a car to a van on the northern side of the border.

In Belfast, the fifth victim of last week's blast at the Protestant Bayardo Bar has died in hospital. Miss Hilda Boyle, aged 18, had been critically ill with multiple injuries since the explosion.

Officials' plea: The official IRA in Belfast yesterday repeated its request for discussions between paramilitary groups in an attempt to end sectarian murders (the Press Association reports).

It expressed regret that the Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Defence Association had declined to take part.

Police chief challenged. The *New Law Journal* has accused Sir Robert Mark, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, of making generalizations about deficiencies in the legal system. It challenges him to be specific 2

Moderates' warning: Labour Party moderates yesterday warned constituency organizations that Trotskyist groups were infiltrating the party and threatened to destroy it 3

Spain: A Barcelona journalist is expected to be court-martialled for "insulting the armed forces" in an article on prostitution 3

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TUC rejects ministers' interpretation of £6 limit on pay rises

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

Workers will be entitled to the full £6-a-week rises allowed under the counter-inflation policy, Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said yesterday. The £6 was not meant, as the Government maintains in its advertising campaign that it is, as an upper limit, with some people getting less.

He was speaking on the day the Government launched its £2m campaign to explain its policy.

Mr Murray, who helped to bring about the agreement between the Government and the TUC, has made clear that he will regard strikes in support of claims for £6 rises as legitimate.

Ever since *The Attack on Inflation* was published last month the TUC's attitude to the pay aspect of the White Paper has run counter to the interpretation offered in the Commons by Mr Wilson that the £6 is a maximum.

When he was asked yesterday whether £6 was a limit or a flat-rate increase, Mr Murray said: "Our policy is that unions are entitled to seek wage increases of £6 a week. I hope unions are going to press for the £6 universally, flat."

The government-sponsored advertisements say that some companies may not be able to afford the full £6 but Mr Murray said: "Employers are liable to be disappointed if they try to go down that road."

In his view it would be exceptional for a company to refuse a demand for £6. "Most employers, I think, will seek to accommodate themselves to the policy", he added.

He made clear that he thinks the counter-inflation measures are part of a voluntary policy, without sanctions against working people. "It is a voluntary policy we shall be putting to congress. When it ceases to be a voluntary policy that will be a very different situation indeed."

As part of its campaign in support of the policy, the TUC is producing more than 200,000 copies of its information broadsheet, which states: "A £6-a-week flat-rate increase for all. This is the lead the TUC has given in the battle against inflation. It is a battle that must be won if the jobs and living standards of ordinary people are to be protected.

"Pay rises must be a flat-rate £6 a head, giving the greatest protection to the low-paid and stopping big rises going to the people who are already well off."

Saying that inflation made the TUC plan necessary, the broadsheet adds: "People find it hard to take warnings seriously—but this crisis is for real."

Mr Murray was speaking after a meeting of the TUC's General Council that endorsed a recommendation of the economic committee to ask affiliated unions to notify the TUC about all pay settlements. That will enable the TUC to discover how closely the £6 limit is being adhered to and to gauge the general economic situation.

The TUC continues to be worried about the effect imports are having on some sectors of the economy and has decided to seek talks with the Prime Minister "for an account of the number of jobs lost due to rising imports and of remedial action which the Government has taken or proposes to take".

TUC members are known to be particularly unhappy about the restrictions Japan imposes on the import of British goods, and they are also uneasy over allegations of dumping. It is likely that they will ask Mr Wilson to consider imposing import controls.

Murray interpretation "disastrous": Mr Walker, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry in Mr Heath's Administration, said last night that Mr Murray's view that the £6 a week was an entitlement was disastrous for the Government's incomes policy (the Press Association reports).

He had three questions for Mr Wilson: Could the nationalized industries afford to pay the £6 a week? Could local authorities afford to pay their employees another £6 a week? Could Mr Wilson afford to pay all the Government's employees another £6 a week?

If such rises were paid in the public sector, taxpayers would have to find an extra £2,000m a year to meet the bill.

A proposed satellite station for tlephone calls and television, which the Post Office wants to build near Hereford.

Minister in home-loan dispute criticized

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

Mr Ewing, Under-Secretary of State at the Scottish Office, who has called for the dismissal of officials in the Labour-controlled Central Regional Council because of a cheap home loan scheme introduced for staff in the new local government area, was himself criticized yesterday by the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) and by Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative MP for Glasgow Cathcart, and vice-chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland.

Mr Ewing said the scheme had deeply shaken public confidence. The council should be seen to act against officials responsible either by dismissing them or by acting decisively in some other way.

The scheme offered home loans to officials at 5½ per cent interest. It was suspended by the council after £251,000 had been committed. Mr Eric Geddes, the region's chief executive, was granted a loan of £30,000 to buy a house, but withdrew his application after publicity had been given to the scheme.

Mr Geddes was not available to comment yesterday, but a council official said the scheme had been unanimously passed by members of the council.

Mr C. C. Drury, Scottish organizer for Nalgo, said yesterday that Mr Ewing should not have called for dismissals. There was no ground fo such action; offidals had one nothing wrong.

"If the councilors, in their wisdom or otherwise, accepted a scheme which provided for lower interest rates and which allows them to determine the rate and fix it, I do not see how the officials can be blamed", he said. "There is nothing wrong with the application of the scheme or the implementation of it. It was to different from the government compensation regulations for reimbursing local authority officers who lost their jobs as a result of reorganization.

"The intention was to compensate officers who were going to lose as a result of having to move house. The interest of 5½ per cent in the central region was determined not by the officials but by the councilors. If anyone wants to suggest that these officials were being overcompensated, that charge should not be held against the officials."

Mr Taylor said he was astounded that Mr Ewing had called for the dismissal of senior officials in the region. Did he realize that that established a new principle: that local government staff should be held responsible for an error of judgment by their elected councilors?

"I am quite astonished that he should ignore the part played in this affair by his Labour colleagues who control the central region", he said.

Birmingham newspaper talks break down

By Our Labour Staff

Talks in *The Birmingham Post and Evening Mail* dispute have broken down again. The management yesterday said that International Socialists were partly to blame for the deadlock.

Mr Frederick Whitehead, an editor in the group, said the management would not concede a demand by the chapel (office branch) of the National Union of Journalists to give back pay to 250 of its members dismissed seven weeks ago.

The management is standing by its offer of £13,500 for distribution to NUJ members.

Mr Robert Haywood, a member of the chapel committee, said: "We have no International Socialists in the committee."

Both newspapers are still being produced by editors, executives and members of the Institute of Journalists.

TUC view: The TUC has followed normal procedure in its arrangements for press coverage of its annual congress next month, it was made clear yesterday (the Press Association reports). It has sent credentials to only the London industrial correspondents of the two Birmingham papers.

Both are NUJ members not directly involved in the six-week-old dispute.

Prison rules 'negate spirit of court ruling'

By David Leigh

New rules circulated to prison inmates after a recent ruling by the European Court of Human Rights against the Home Office in the Golder case are so restrictive as to negate the spirit of the ruling, a leading academic lawyer says.

Mr Sidney Golder had complained to the court about being refused leave to see a lawyer to sue a prison officer for making what he said was a libellous accusation about his part in a riot. Yesterday he said that the rules would make life no easier for prisoners.

The rules, designed to comply with the decision that prisoners must have unhindered access to lawyers if they wish to take civil action, have been obtained by *The Times*.

They say, as was expected, that prisoners must first make formal internal complaints against prison staff before exercising a right to see a lawyer: They emphasize that a prison officer must be able to listen while an inmate has initial talks with his solicitor.

The rules say:

Where the matter involves the Home Office (or any minister or servant of the Home Office) arising out of, or in connexion with, imprisonment/detention, the inmate must first have ventilated his complaints through the normal existing channels, ie, by petition to the Secretary of State or by application to the Board of Visitors or a visiting officer of the Secretary of State; complaints about adjudications must first be raised by way of petition, as is the current procedure.

Where the matter involves a complaint against a member of staff, the inmate's written statement of complaint must first have been investigated under the normal procedure. This procedure will be explained by the wing governor.

Visits from a solicitor in connexion with seeking advice will be in sight and hearing of an officer. When proceedings have been instituted, visits will be in sight only. It is the responsibility of the inmate to provide evidence . . . that legal proceedings have been instituted.

The rules say inmates or their solicitors will have to show that there is enough money available to pay for all fees and expenses of a case, apart from legal aid where available, and give a signed undertaking to pay them.

Mr Graham Zellick, lecturer in law at Queen Mary College, London University, said yesterday: "The narrowness of the changes announced by the Home Secretary is contrary to the whole spirit of the Golder case. The central point has been taken out, and all the implications and ramifications have been totally ignored: they were so plain that it could only have been done deliberately."

He added that the Home Secretary's contention that wider questions of censorship were not directly touched on by the ruling was artificial.

Mr. Golder said that if a prisoner had to make formal complaints it immediately laid him open to charges of false accusations. That would deter prisoners from reaching the point where they could exercise their right to see a solicitor. Prisoners would also be inhibited, unless the officer listening in was one of their own choice, from making complaints to lawyers about the prison administration.

The Home Office, whose main concern is to avoid large numbers of vexatious complaints and what it sees as threats to prison discipline, said yesterday that the new rulings were a normal extension of existing ones.

Awards to man who saved Soviet village

A British Post Office worker prevented a serious accident in the Soviet Union when he drove a smouldering lorry containing butane gas cylinders and other inflammable material away from a village, it was disclosed at a presentation ceremony yesterday.

The incident happened in May, when Mr Stanley Taylor, aged 51, a workshop supervisor from Northolt, Middlesex, was in a Post Office team taking special telephone cabling vehicles to an exhibition in Moscow.

Yesterday Mr Taylor received a bravery certificate and a cheque for £150 from Sir Edward Fennessy, deputy chairman of the Post Office, for his courageous and quick-thinking action.

Mr Taylor said: "I pulled up in this village. I opened the shutters at the back of the lorry and thick smoke poured out. It must have been smouldering for about two and a half hours."

Adorjan wins chess round after a struggle

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

The most striking feature of yesterday's play in the fourth round of the London International Chess tournament at the West Centre Hotel was Adorjan's win in 18 moves over Horner, the North of England player. He sacrificed a piece for a strong attack but Adorjan kept his head in some bewildering complications, and Horner finally resigned.

Saxe had an early draw with Sigurjonsson but was still in the lead at the end of round four with 3 points, Miles, Pritchett and Timman have 2½ each

Timman had the bye. Adjourned game result: Round two, Timman 1, Nunn 0.

White	Black	Opening	Result
Sax	Sigurjonsson	Rob def	drawn
Bagman	Nunn	O flan	black wins
S. Webb	Fuller	Rob def	adjourned
Miles	Pritchett	Ind	drawn
Adorjan	Horner	R. Lopez	white wins

In the international junior match Julian Hodgson leads by 2½ to 1½.

Former boxer cleared of rape

A jury at the Central Criminal Court yesterday was directed by Judge Marnan, QC, to acquit Joshua Cassidy-Alu, aged 36, a former professional boxer, of Kimble Road, Wimbledon, on charges of raping a girl aged 11 and of having unlawful sexual intercourse with her, after legal submission by his counsel.

Mr Cassidy-Alu's trial on a charge of indecent assault against the girl was adjourned until today. He pleaded not guilty to all three charges.

Solicitor disciplined

Mr Ian Bestford, a solicitor, of Uxbridge Road, Shepherd's Bush, London, was ordered by the Disciplinary Committee of the Law Society yesterday to be struck off for unbefitting conduct. He was found guilty of using clients' money for other clients' purposes, and has 14 days to give notice of appeal.

Correction

The only part of Moorgate Underground station to be temporarily closed is that serving the Highbury branch of the Northern Line, London Transport said yesterday. The station will continue to serve the Northern Line City branch and the Metropolitan and Circle lines.

Call for 'a year for Britain'

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Make your views heard. Do not let minorities take decisions for you in your absence."

CBI reaction: The CBI said last night that it did not agree with everything in the counter-inflation policy, "but believes that the situation is so serious that everyone should fully support the Prime Minister's call to make it work" (the Press Association reports).

Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative MP for Glasgow, Cathcart, said: "Harold Wilson's message was superb but would have carried more conviction if he had uttered these grim words last October at the election."

"Sterile" speech: Mr Sydney Bidwell, chairman of the *Tribune* group of Labour MPs described the Prime Minister's speech as "uninspiring and sterile" (a Staff Reporter writes.) He hoped that his reference to "minorities" did not mean a return to the "reds under the beds" campaign of 1966.

Mr Wilson's broadcast had nothing to do with redistribution of wealth. It envisaged a reduction in living standards for many people but no serious reduction for the rich.

He thought that Mr Wilson would win the TUC's approval because of the desire to retain the understanding between the Government and the bulk of the TUC movement. The question was how such an agreement would last after Mr Wilson's uninspiring set of propositions.

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Mr Wilson emphasizes unemployment danger

The following is the text of the Prime Minister's broadcast last night:

For hundreds of thousands of British homes this autumn the shadow—for so many of them the reality—of unemployment is threatening standards each family has taken for granted for years past. Not only the breadwinners but young people leaving school and seeking their first job.

We all know the causes of this threat. The whole industrial world faces the most virulent trade and employment depression since the thirties. Until recently the loss of jobs here in Britain was smaller than in most other advanced countries, but now it is getting more grim each month. But until the expected upturn in world trade the outlook for employment is bleak.

A second reason is of much longer standing. Industry's failure over the past 20 years to invest in industry, new plant, machinery, factory buildings, industrial modernization — under successive governments. All of us, Government and industry included, share the responsibility.

But the third, the increasingly dominant factor, is the effect of inflation on industry's ability to provide jobs, jobs for those established in industry, jobs for school-leavers. While last year it was world factors as well as our own performance here in Britain that created the main trend, this year it has been almost entirely internal prices and costs, including pay, which have aggravated inflation, hit industry and hit the housewife. It is cruelly unfair that the hardest hit of all are those least able to help themselves, the lowest-paid, large families, the pensioner, the long-term sick, the disabled. The Government has a duty to protect, we are protecting to the fullest extent in our power, some of the hardest hit. Protecting them by food subsidies. Protecting them by rent control, the help we have given on mortgages and rate and rent rebates and allowances. Later this year there will be the third increase in pensions and other social benefits in eighteen months. But all the time the protection is eroded, as pensions and other help are eaten into month by month by still higher prices.

We have tight price controls, but there is a limit to what can be safely done by price control. Price control which cuts manufacturers' and traders' profits to the bone can drive them into bankruptcy and cause further losses of jobs; that is one reason why we cannot just simply introduce a flat price-freeze. There are still recent cost increases, including recent pay settlements, which have to work their way through, and therefore some prices will have to rise. For example, in public industries and services. It has been the policy of successive governments to see that they pay their way, with revenue from charges covering their costs.

We must keep our industrial costs down, and this means all forms of pay, all incomes. There is no other way. There may be those who, by the use of their own industrial muscle, feel that they could get for themselves such a pay increase as to enable them to escape the rigours of inflation. In the short term, yes: at the expense of more unemployment, at the expense of millions weaker than themselves. In the long term, they delude even themselves, for they and their families have to face the lash-back of the inflation they generated by their own actions.

Last month I announced the Government's decision that we must get the rate of price increases down from over 25 per cent a year to 10 per cent by next autumn, and then down to single figures by the end of the year. To achieve this means firm control over costs, and that includes pay.

The limit on pay settlements is £6 a week, with no increase at all for those getting £8,500 a year or more. Six pounds a week maximum. No scope for negotiating exceptions. Rough justice, but necessary.

I believe that this national policy is widely supported as a fair policy. It has massive support from the trade union movement and some unions who had reservations have, in the past month, now given it their support.

Everyone wants to know what is expected of them, what they can do. Join the attack on inflation. Get involved. Help the consumer authorities to monitor prices. Support the policy as it applies to you. Do all you can to persuade those with whom you have influence to support the policy. Make your views heard. Do not let minorities take decisions for you in your absence. Stand up to any who seek to cash in on the difficulties every family, every industry, every factory perhaps, will face. Do not let them talk you out of it.

Be clear on this. In seeing the policy through, the Government will not weaken. As direct employer, as treasurer and paymaster of the public industries and services, the Government will see that the limit is observed.

Nationalized industries will not be able to pay over the odds. Local authorities, councils, have been told that they must apply the limit equally strictly. They know the Government will not countenance, still less subsidize, any overpayment. In the private sector, firms will not be allowed to pass on any excessive pay settlements in prices.

This national policy is an essential weapon against the growing menace of unemployment. It is an essential expression of the national self-discipline required for us to get on the road to full employment. That is why the next year is crucial. It is the year in which we must say "Stop". In those 12 months, while all incomes are limited, the living standards for many of our people will show no improvement. For very many they will fall. This harsh truth must not be disguised. And the battle cannot be won in a single year. The fact that the world has been knocked off its axis by a universal recession and the fivefold increase in oil prices alone would make that impossible. But that does not excuse us for failing to begin to tackle the problems that have developed within Britain over the years. Lack of investment, acquiescence in chronic overmanning in essential industries, endemic problems of industrial relations in individual industries and individual plants.

Everyone on both sides of industry must recognize that you cannot take out of industry more than you put in. That means that restraint on incomes is not of itself enough. With it must go harder work, work better organized, and, through more and better directed investment, more machine power at the worker's elbow.

This year justice will be rough, but justice will be there none the less. It is the Government's duty to ensure that, however rough the going, there will be justice. If we failed now the going would become increasingly rough, with precious little justice left to share out.

We now have a better chance to conquer the evil of recurrent inflation than at any time in the past thirty years. The country is alerted and determined. There is a consensus in industry, and between industry and Government. And, since we know that by the end of the seventies our national economic position can be transformed by our North Sea oil assets, the sacrifices we make now can lead to a new era for our people.

The prospects for our country if we were to fail would be grim indeed. But I do not believe we shall fail. Inflation may well take years to eliminate, but, by working together, I believe that by this time next year a crucial advance will be seen to have been made. That is why I ask that the next year be a year for Britain—for Britain, by all of us, the people of Britain.

Police chief challenged to justify criticisms

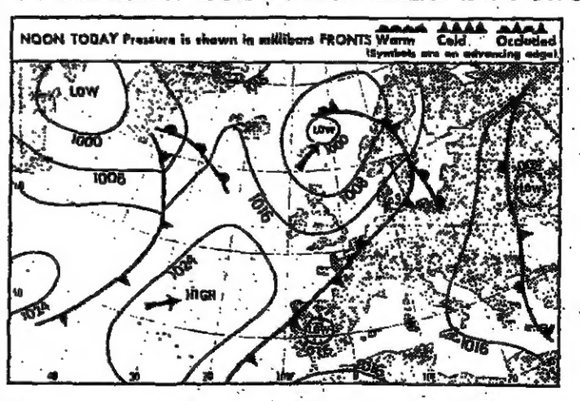
Sir Robert Mark, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, was accused by a legal journal yesterday of making "a flood of generalizations about the iniquities of lawyers and the deficiencies of the legal system, especially the jury system". The *New Law Journal* asks what exactly the commissioner was complaining about. Where was the hard evidence to support his case?

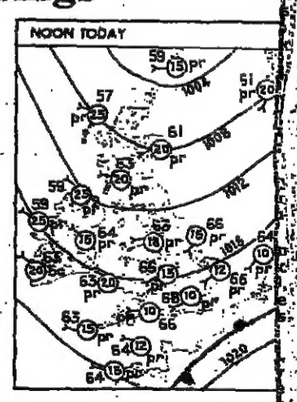
His recent lecture at Bramshill Police College, and earlier public statements, were delivered under conditions that gave those he criticized no opportunity of "putting him on the spot". In an article headlined "A suspicion of prejudice", the journal says that for a man who believes so fervently in "compellability" he appears "to have been remarkably successful in avoiding, or at any rate not having to face, public cross-examination".

"His are plainly the skills of the propagandist rather than the debater." It appeared that his "much-publicized railings" were intended to undermine public confidence in the administration of criminal justice. The validity or otherwise of what he said ought to be subjected "to the same kind of uncompromisingly critical analysis that he so often insists, quite rightly, should be applied to the performance of judges, lawyers and jurors", the journal adds.

If there was anything in Sir Robert's complaints, something was more likely to be done if it was clear where abuses were alleged to occur, it suggests.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 5.54 am — Sun sets: 8.12 pm
Moon sets: 5.39 am — Moon rises: 7.34 pm
Full moon: 8.48 pm

Lighting up: 8.42 pm to 5.26 am.

High water: London Bridge, 2.26 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 2.43 pm, 6.9m (22.7ft). Avonmouth, 8.0 am, 12.3m (40.3ft); 8.19 pm, 12.8m (41.9ft). Dover, 11.54 am, 6.3m (20.7ft). Hull, 6.41 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 7.14 pm, 6.9m (22.6ft). Liverpool, 12.4 pm, 8.7m (28.5ft).

A depression centred N of Scotland will drift slowly NE and troughs of low pressure will move E over the British Isles.

London, East Anglia, E, central S and N England, Midlands: Sunny spells, mostly dry at first, isolated showers later, clear periods at night; wind W veering NW, moderate; max temp 21°C (70°F).

SE England, Channel Isles: Rather cloudy early, perhaps rain, then sunny spells and isolated showers; wind W to NW, mostly light; max temp 20°C (68°F).

SW England, S Wales: Sunny spells, showers at times; wind W veering NW, moderate; max temp 19°C (66°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Showery, sunny intervals; wind W fresh, veering NW moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Sunny intervals, occasional showers, chiefly in N and E, becoming mostly dry over England and Wales on Saturday but rain reaching SW later; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind mainly NW light or moderate; sea slight.

English Channel (E), St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind W veering NW, moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 20°C (68°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 15°C (64°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 85 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm .02 hr. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1015 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	31	88	Chicago	c	25	77	L Palmas	s	28	82	Nice	f	27	81
Akrotiri	c	32	90	Cologne	c	23	73	Lisbon	s	30	86	Nicosia	s	29	84
Athens	s	31	88	Copenhgn	f	18	64	Locarno	s	26	79	Oslo	c	19	66
Barcelona	s	28	82	Dublin	f	19	66	London	c	19	66	Paris	f	26	79
Beirut	s	29	84	Edinburgh	c	20	68	Luxembrg	c	17	63	Reykjavik	f	12	54
Belfast	f	19	66	Florence	f	29	84	Madrid	f	30	86	Rome	s	30	86
Berlin	f	18	64	Funchal	s	26	79	Majorca	s	30	86	Ronldswy	c	17	63
Bermuda	s	32	90	Geneva	s	23	73	Malaga	s	30	86	Stockholm	f	22	72
Biarritz	s	25	77	Gibraltar	s	25	77	Malta	s	28	82	Tel Aviv	s	29	84
Birmingham	f	20	68	Guernsey	f	23	73	Manchstr	c	19	66	Toronto	s	29	84
Bristol	c	20	68	Helsinki	f	21	70	Moscow	c	14	57	Venice	f	26	79
Brussels	s	24	75	Innsbruck	f	22	72	Munich	f	23	73	Vienna	f	22	72
Budapest	s	25	77	Istanbul	c	26	79	Naples	f	28	82	Warsaw	f	22	72
Cardiff	c	19	66	Jersey	f	22	72	New York	s	24	75	Zurich	f	22	72

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, August 20

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max temp °C	°F	
E COAST					
Scarboro	6.1	—	21	70	Sun pm
Bridlington	7.4	.75	22	72	Shwrs
Gorleston	0.4	.02	20	70	Rain
Clacton	1.1	—	22	72	Cloudy
Margate	6.1	—	23	73	Sun pm
S COAST					
Hastings	1.0	—	20	68	Cloudy
Eastbourne	1.0	—	20	68	Cloudy
Brighton	—	—	19	66	Cloudy
Worthing	—	—	19	66	Cloudy
Bognor	—	—	19	66	Cloudy
Southsea	—	—	20	68	Cloudy
Sandown	—	—	20	68	Cloudy
Ventnor	—	.01	19	66	Shwrs
Exmouth	2.6	.01	21	70	Cloudy
Torquay	1.7	.04	21	70	Drizz
W COAST					
Morecambe	5.8	.01	20	68	Sun int
Blackpool	7.2	.01	20	68	Sun pm
Southport	6.9	.01	20	68	Sun pm
Ilfracombe	—	.07	19	66	Sun int

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, Bfr 15; Canaries, Pes 40; Denmark, Dkr 3.50; Finland, Fmk 3.50; France, Frs 2.50; Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Dr 40; Holland, Dfl 2.25; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 17; Malta, 9c; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 3.75; Switzerland, Sfr 2.50; Turkey, L 15; Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

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Tar content should be on cigarette packet, MP says

By a Staff Reporter

Cigarette manufacturers should publish the tar and nicotine content of their cigarettes on the packets and in their advertisements, Mr Tom Cartwright, MP, a member of the Labour Health Group, said yesterday.

His statement came after a decision by Reemtsma, West Germany's largest cigarette manufacturer, to print the tar and nicotine content of its cigarettes on the packets. It supplies 36 per cent of the West German market.

Professor Charles Fletcher, of Hammersmith Hospital, London, chairman of Action on Smoking and Health (Ash), the anti-smoking group, supported the German company.

Ash yesterday condemned the view of Professor Philip Burch, of Leeds University medical physics department, reported in *The Times* on Monday, that most lung cancer cases were not caused by smoking.

Dr Keith Ball, secretary of Ash, said Professor Burch's observations came as more and more people were trying to stop smoking. "This statement can only weaken their resolve and reduce their chances of ridding themselves of the lethal effects of this habit", he said.

He said doctors were repeatedly brought face to face with smokers dying from cancer and heart disease. "It is unfortunate when a professor who has no experience of diagnosis or responsibility for treatment of patients makes such irresponsible claims", Dr Ball said.

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Footpath near Chequers is to be moved

A footpath through Chequers estate, Buckinghamshire, is being moved lest terrorist snipers should use the public right of way to attack the country residence of the British Prime Minister.

The Government has ruled that the path must be diverted, involving an extra walk of 100 yards. Walkers on the path, close to the highest point of the Chilterns, can have a clear view of the Chequers main building.

The police argued that the existence of the route constituted a security risk. When a public inquiry into the issue was held this May, objectors said it would be illegal to divert the path on such a ground. However, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, has ordered the route to be changed.

Taiwan banner saved from burning after blunder

By Michael Horsnell

Organizers of a reception to mark the World Rowing Championships in Nottingham found themselves in deep water after a diplomatic blunder had incensed the Chinese team.

The 16 Chinese delegates, making their first appearance in the championships, arrived on Tuesday evening to find that Nottinghamshire County Council had flown the Taiwanese flag above the county hall instead of their own.

After pointing out the error to officials at the reception at Holme Pierrepont Hall near by, the Chinese demanded removal of the flag, then asked to be given it in order to burn it.

The council pointed out that the flag had been hired and was not its property. Eventually the Chinese accepted an apology from officials and lent them the flag of the People's Republic of China.

Mr Jeff Yeats, a member of the championship organizing committee, said yesterday: "They wanted the flag with a view to destroying it. But it was just an administrative mistake which we quickly rectified and we are all friends again."

In a statement before the official opening ceremony of the championships last night, the county council said the flags of all competing nations would be flown but that on Tuesday night, when the mistake was made, they had been hoisted for only a trial period.

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Part-time drivers worry TGWU

The Transport and General Workers' Union yesterday demanded a government inquiry into the number of part-time drivers of public service vehicles, particularly coaches.

Mr Larry Smith, secretary of the union's National Passenger Group, has expressed concern to Mr Gilbert, Minister for Transport.

Coroner backs brain equipment plea

Doctors at Newcastle-upon-Tyne brain surgery centre have been waiting more than a year for special X-ray equipment "but have not yet got the Department of Health's permission", Professor Bernard Tomlinson, a pathologist, said at an inquest yesterday.

Recording a verdict of accidental death on Mrs Ivy Moore, aged 66, of Priory Terrace, Tynemouth, who suffered brain damage through internal bleeding after a fall, Mr Montague Levy, Newcastle coroner said: "I will write to the ministry. It is quite wrong that we should be deprived of this equipment."

Professor Tomlinson said: "There was no fracture of Mrs Moore's skull, and even if she had been X-rayed at the time it would not have shown bleeding. But the bleeding would have been shown on the new equipment, which Newcastle has not got.

Professor John Walton, Dean of Medicine at Newcastle University, told the Northern Regional Health Authority in June that he regarded the new equipment as the greatest single advance in medicine over the past 10 years.

Hospital crisis over

Water supplies to the New Charing Cross Hospital at Hammersmith, London, should be secure again today after the supply pipe fracture

Council inquiry ends

The Director of Public Prosecutions has decided to take no action over allegations of corruption involving Coventry council, a police officer said last night.

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HOME NEWS

Labour warned of Trotskyist infiltrators

By Geoffrey Browning

A call for Transport House to stop Trotskyist infiltration of the Labour Party is made in the first newsletter from the Social Democratic Alliance, published yesterday. The alliance is a pressure group reflecting the moderate views of the Manifesto Group within constituency organizations.

The newsletter says that groups within the Labour Party threaten to destroy the party. It states:

"Anyone who has any knowledge of these groups will know the extent to which they will go to misrepresent and distort the views of loyal Labour MPs, and the difficulty of dealing with them in political arguments because of the money means they use to conceal their real views."

About 20 Labour MPs were threatened in the same way in which MP for Newham, North-east, and former Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mr Prentice, had been, because left-wing activists were joining the party in other areas of the country. They were slowly gaining offices of influence, and loyal activists might easily be misled into a false feeling of security. Transport House should act before infiltration went any farther, the alliance group says.

If that trend against moderate Labour MPs proved successful the future electoral prospects of the party would be destroyed. "Our supporters will not vote for a party which adopts an extreme left-wing programme and displays such blatant intolerance", the newsletter says.

Those moves in the constituencies were accompanied by a shift in the party's national executive committee, which had tended to incline more to the left recently. The newsletter quotes the example of Mr John Cartwright, MP for Greenwich, Woolwich East, who had represented socialist, Co-operative and professional organizations on the executive for several years.

At this year's annual Labour Party conference Mr Richard Clements, political committee secretary of the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, which previously nominated Mr Cartwright, would be nominated instead, because of left wing influence.

The newsletter asks why an alleged "left influence" should be given a say in the Labour Party. "It is a ridiculous situation". Mr Cartwright had always fulfilled his duties diligently and competently, and the only reason for displacing him was political.

Mr Cartwright confirmed yesterday that he was unpopular with the extreme left. "To say I have offended King Street headquarters of the Communist Party of Great Britain is far from the truth, particularly on the Common Market issue", he said.

Smallpox suspect

A boy aged 12 was in hospital in Bury, Lancashire, as a possible case of smallpox yesterday after returning to England from his native Pakistan. Passengers on a Pakistani airline flight to Heathrow last week and a connecting flight to Manchester are advised to consult their doctors at once.

Need for extra income exposes children left alone at home during holidays to domestic dangers

The risks that working mothers run

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Inflation is worsening the plight of some children by forcing their mothers to go out to work, leaving them alone at home during the school holidays. Calls from anxious neighbours are pouring into the National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which expects more than three thousand calls during the school holidays.

Cases from the society's files illustrate the dangers. A boy of five was left alone by his parents and told to cook himself bacon and eggs on a gas stove. Another child of about four was tied by his ankle with a piece of string to the leg of his bed, and left alone for 12 hours. The string cut into his flesh and he had to have hospital treatment.

Two brothers, one aged two, the other four, were locked in the family flat while their mother went out to work. Neighbours managed to unlock the door after the boys had "worn themselves out crying, waiting for the help they thought would never come". Neighbours found the children looking dirty and unkempt, and one had head lice. Their beds were damp and dirty.

Mr Terry Pitts Fenby, press officer, said the society was convinced that more and more children were being left unattended because inflation was forcing their mothers out to work.

"Children left on their own can be prey to sexual assaults, they can scald themselves, fall downstairs, or play with electrical appliances and cause fires", he said. "The tragedy is that if only the mothers would get in touch with us we could help to sort out their problems without having to pick up the pieces afterwards."

The number of cases rises each summer holiday when many of the already scarce day-facilities for children end and schools are shut. One woman in Yorkshire rises at 5 am to go to her hospital cleaning job. Before she leaves she prepares breakfast for her daughter, aged five, gets her up, washes and dresses her, and puts her back to bed fully clothed.

Mr Pitts Fenby said: "In term time the mother rings her daughter two hours after leaving home to tell her to get up and go to school. I dread to think what is happening now, when the little girl has no school to go to."

The school holidays have led to more and more calls to unattended children in the past four years. In 1971 the society had 1,000 calls. The next year the number rose to 2,884. There were 3,088 calls in 1973, and 3,278 in 1974. The number of calls since schools finished term at the end of July indicates that there will be even more tragic cases this summer.

One of the most distressing has involved two children who decided to play "hairdressers" when they were left alone at home. The little girl cut off so much of her brother's hair that she cut his scalp. She was so worried about her mother's response that she took an overdose of aspirins. It took three days for her to regain consciousness in hospital.

"More and more children are being left alone because, through no fault of their own, their mothers are forced to go out to work to earn enough to keep the family", Mr Pitts Fenby said. "We are not offering a baby-minding service, but our people are resourceful and can find a solution to their problems."

Harmful potential seen in unqualified child-minders

By Our Education Correspondent

Many children left in the care of unqualified minders have fallen so far behind in language and communication skills by the age of five that by then it is too late for them ever to "involve themselves in the community". That view is expressed by the National Association of Schoolmasters in evidence to the Warnock committee of inquiry into special education, published yesterday.

The association says a community of unqualified minders has grown up in our large cities. It recommends that their charges and other children with handicaps should be put on an "at risk" register.

Teachers should be in contact with children at a much earlier age, and assessment of the needs of the deaf child must be made before the age of three.

The association supports the tendency to keep handicapped children in ordinary schools. "It is in the interests of a vast majority of children that they should grow up within the normal community, since separation from that community up to the age of 16 inevitably creates additional problems without solving any", it says.

It finds ample evidence of adults as well as children viewing the handicapped with suspicion because they do not often see them at close quarters.

The association says the two priorities should be an early assessment of needs, along with more nursery schools, and better training of teachers in colleges of education so that they know how handicapped children can be taught.

Allocations made for school building

By Our Education Correspondent

Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has told individual local education authorities how much they may spend on primary, secondary and nursery school building programmes in the 1976-77 financial year.

The allocations, which are not grants but statements of permission for local authorities to borrow and spend money up to certain limits, amount to £128.6m for school buildings and £8.5m for nursery schools and classes in England. A further £500,000 will be spent on nursery education in Wales.

The Department of Education and Science stated yesterday that local education authorities had been asked to tell it not later than October 15 what big projects they proposed to carry out within their allocations and how much they proposed to use on minor projects.

The allocations are part of a £186m building programme, announced on August 1, which includes a separate allocation of £25m to help secondary school reorganization on comprehensive lines. The latter will be divided among authorities later in the year after they have submitted projects for abolishing selection.

In allocating the resources for nursery education building, the department has given high priority to meeting the needs of disadvantaged and handicapped children.

The highest overall allocation has gone to Hampshire, which may spend up to £5.35m. Essex has got a maximum of £4,234,000, Kent £3,699,000, Lancashire £3,665,000, and Cheshire £3.6m.

The cities are authorized to spend less because of their declining school rolls.

Ignition-linked side lights for Volvo cars

By Our Motoring Correspondent

Volvo cars for sale in Britain are to be fitted with "running lights", special side lights switched on automatically with the ignition. They are claimed to be an important new safety feature because the vehicle can be seen more easily, particularly in daytime.

Running lights have been used for Volvos in Sweden for the past year and have helped to reduce accidents at crossings. They can be seen from the side as well as the front of the car.

They are additional to the car's parking lights, and of a greater intensity, although not as bright as dipped headlights and would not cause dazzle in well-lit streets at night. Volvo is the first to use such lights in Britain, and special approval had to be sought from the Department of the Environment. From January next year all Volvos will also have rear seat belts as standard equipment.

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Beach oil cleared

Council workmen have cleared oil from beaches on the Essex coast from Westcliff-on-Sea to Shoeburyness, in time for the Bank holiday.

Mr Shore's explanation on Skytrain

By a Staff Reporter

Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, yesterday defended his decision to prevent Laker Airways, the independent airline based at Gatwick, from operating its cheap walk-on Skytrain service to New York.

In a letter to Mr Neville Trotter, Conservative MP for Tynemouth, who had asked parliamentary questions on the matter, Mr Shore says he decided that "rather than keep Laker Airways hanging on from year to year with very little prospect of being able to start their service, it was better to make the position plain and to encourage them to devote their energies to building up their transatlantic and other charter operations". The letter was disclosed yesterday by the Department of Trade.

Mr Shore says that as a result of his policy review he is convinced that the disadvantages of Skytrain now outweigh its advantages. He considers it desirable to provide the cheapest possible form of transatlantic travel consistently with economic operation, not just for some passengers but for all. Skytrain would have combined low fares with last-minute booking; indeed, advance booking would not have been allowed.

Pop festival will go ahead if organizers resign

By Martin Huckerby

Preparations for the free pop festival at Watchfield, Oxfordshire, continued yesterday, despite the fact that the organizers have not signed the licence to take over use of the disused airfield from the Government.

Three stages were being erected and other work was being carried out by volunteer helpers, while pop enthusiasts continued to trickle on to the site, near Swindon, although the nine-day festival will not begin until Saturday.

The organizers have not yet obtained insurance cover for possible accidents on structures, such as stages, which they put up, and they say they will resign if they cannot afford the insurance. But they made clear yesterday that there was no likelihood of the festival's being halted.

The organizing committee has been seeking quotations for the insurance but feared that insurers would demand an excessive premium.

Mr Richard Harkinson, a member of the committee, said they would pay any reasonable figure. He pointed out that a smaller free festival, Meigan Fayre, which was held in Wales last month, had been completely insured for only £90.

Tank leaked methanol into drains

From Our Correspondent
Wolverhampton

At a storage tank depot in a densely populated area 15,000 gallons of highly inflammable methanol escaped through negligence and 4,000 gallons leaked into a town's drains.

That was stated by Mr Russell Williams, a factory inspector at Oldbury Magistrates' Court yesterday when British Industrial Plastics admitted negligence and was fined a total of £550 on three charges.

Mr Williams made an apparent reference to the chemical plant disaster at Flixborough when he said: "Recent events in this country have shown how vital and important it is to maintain a safe system. If this partly cleaned tank had caught fire the results would have been devastating."

He said it was the first case of its kind in the country.

After maintenance, he said, a valve in the tank had been left open and methanol leaked out.

Mr Terence Bird, on behalf of the company, said that everything had been done to ensure that the failure could not happen again.

The company admitted two charges of contravening regulations concerning highly inflammable liquids and liquefied petrols and gases and contravention of the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974.

Union rebels ask to be reinstated

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

The executive council of the Fire Brigades' Union is to consider applications for reinstatement from five Strathclyde regional officials who were expelled in July for refusing to obey union instructions. Four other expelled officials have not applied.

The officials were expelled for trying to organize a strike ballot against union policy. All but one of the nine Strathclyde districts are still working to rule, despite a national settlement last week for a £6 increase. Firemen elsewhere are working normally.

ecision sought on hospital expansion proposals

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Department of Health and Social Security is being to reach a decision on proposed expansion of the Hospital, London. 5-acre site, north of Street and west of Charing Cross, affords a classic of planning blight in London caused by many government indecision. 1951 the hospital board first submitted proposals for a complex of new buildings. It took four years for the Ministry of health to approve the proposals, and another seven before the hospital architects produce a detailed scheme.

The plans inevitably led to controversy and local concern about the implied destruction of yet another inner London community. They were also criticized in the medical world by people who were no longer convinced of the need for huge teaching hospitals concentrated in central London.

In 1972 the department finally agreed to allot £4m for the Middlesex scheme, which would, among other things, absorb St John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin and the Institute of Dermatology

But local government was reorganized last year, bringing the formerly semi-autonomous teaching hospitals under the direct control of new regional health authorities. The St Mary's scheme, which had already been the subject of two public inquiries, was placed under a five-year moratorium. The Middlesex immediately asked the department for a decision, but has heard nothing for more than a year.

The Government says that the reason for the delay is that it is awaiting a report by a committee examining the whole question of hospital provision in London.

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h Court writ was issued against the Department of Health and Social claiming damages for after an accident in driver of an invalid suffered injuries.

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sabled Drivers' Action campaigning to get le, supplied by the Department of Health to 20,000 eople, banned

Bishops' vital role 'revived by synod'

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

The existence of the general synod of the Church of England has led to a revival of leadership by the bishops, contrary to fears at the beginning that it would do the opposite, according to a report issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, today.

Writing as chairman of the synod's standing committee, Dr Coggan says it seemed at the start of the synod's life, five years ago, that the episcopal principle had been demoted. "But in the past three or four years there has been a revival of episcopal leadership: there is a vital role for the bishops, individually and collectively, in the leadership of the church through the general synod", he states.

Important debates, on the remarriage of divorced persons, for example, or the ordination of women, had been introduced by key speeches from bishops, and the debates had been further enlivened by bishops' contributions.

"Equally welcome", he writes, "is the synod's increasing readiness to look to the House of Bishops for a lead and, in appropriate cases, for executive action." He praises the way the synod developed the capacity to tackle important theological subjects.

His report, the final one on the work of the first five years of synodical government, will come before the new General Synod when it is convened in November after the election of members. It is intended to draw conclusions from the past for the guidance of the new synod as it embarks on the second five years.

The General Synod was inaugurated in 1970, taking over from the Church Assembly and the Convocations the management of the church's affairs, and it acts as the only law-making body in England outside Parliament. The Synod has so far approved 16 measures, 10 canons, and one act of synod.

Dr Coggan suggests that the synod may become increasingly the forum in which the church addresses the community at large about the difficulties that face the nation as a whole. There are, he states, "great opportunities for action by the synod to support the mission of the church in the wider community".

The First General Synod: (Church Information Office, Church House, London, SW1. 25p).

on urges ban on bulk ch whisky exports

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exports of Scotch particularly to America, stopped, the General Union of Scottish Workers Union yesterday. The union, members of which are in the industry, is by figures issued show a trend to bulk whisky in States.

is were drinking less production was in Scottish bottling plants, yet more and more bulk whisky for foreign bottling was leaving the country, it said. Jobs in Scotland's leading industry were, in effect, being exported.

A ban on bulk exports would provide more jobs, which were desperately needed, and control the nonsensical competition in such countries as the United States between brands bottled in Scotland and those bottled locally.

The union said short-time working had begun in some companies

Council urges closer liaison with EEC

By Ronald Kershaw

Closer links between local authorities in Britain and the EEC headquarters in Brussels are being sought by West Yorkshire County Council. The council has written to the Association of Metropolitan Authorities suggesting more direct liaison with the EEC Commission so that a monitoring service can be provided to serve United Kingdom local government.

Mr Edward Newby, leader of the council, said last night: "The county council is concerned about the lack of direct information on policies of the commission, particularly when policies are at the formative stage.

"Obviously it is much easier to influence policies when they are being discussed. Once a decision has been taken it can be very difficult to make changes.

"Local government should be made aware at the earliest possible stage of policy developments that could affect either the basis on which financial assistance was to be made available by the commission or attempts to regulate services which were the responsibility of local government."

Mr Rodney Brooke, director of administration for West Yorkshire, said: "The county council would like to see consultation taking place with United Kingdom local government on draft proposals before they are submitted to the Council of Ministers by the European Commission".

At the very least it wanted a recognized pattern of consultation by government departments after such matters had been referred for consideration through the British representatives on the Council of Ministers.

WEST EUROPE

Montserrat Caballé, the Spanish soprano, rehearsing at Brent Town Hall with the New Philharmonia Orchestra. She is in London for a recording session.

President Gomes calls pre-dawn talks on army moderates' plan

Lisbon, Aug. President Francisco da Costa Gomes held an emergency meeting with Portugal's key military officers before dawn today to discuss the new political action plan presented by nine moderate officers.

Political sources said the new document represented a compromise between the far left and moderate factions of the armed forces and wass aimed at changing the course of the government's policies.

General Vasco Goncalves, the Prime Minister, was significantly absent from the meeting which was attended by the President, the armed forces chiefs, the nine dissident officers and General Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, the military security chief.

The President called the men to the Sao Juliao da Barra Fort, his weekend residence, after the nine handed him their document last night.

The new document was drawn up in negotiations between the nine and the military security chief. They said General Carvalho, who represents the far left, won agreement on his demand for the creation of a mass popular movement, but conceded on most other issues.

General Carvalho issued a populist, anti-party plan as a counter to moderate proposals last week, but later sought a compromise when his plan failed to gain any significant military support.

The moderates' proposals called for the ruling military regime to slow down the pace of the revolution and shed its dependence on the pro-communists led by General Goncalves.

Reports were circulating that the communists were considering shifting their support from General Goncalves, who has depended on them as his mainstay, to General Carvalho.

The communists called for a demonstration in Lisbon tonight to support General Carvalho's plan.

Although the communists gave only qualified support to the plan, their call was seen to reinforce the reports that the party was gradually dissociating itself from General Goncalves who is under increasing pressure to resign.

General Concalves indirectly criticized the plan in a recent speech aimed at drumming up popular support for him to counterbalance mounting opposition to him within the armed forces.

The plan said Portugal should be ruled eventually by a "national popular assembly" made up of neighbourhood councils and by-passing established political parties, including the communists.

It accused the parties, and in particular the communists, of trying to dominate the state apparatus, and urged that government develop closer contacts with the people.

In Oporto, the largest city in the country's conservative north, a crowd of demonstrators last night sacked the offices of one of the communists' allies, the Portuguese Democratic Movement (MDP).

A group of men in seven cars roared up to the MDP building and hurled petrol bombs inside. A crowd then rushed in and tipped furniture and documents into the street.

The attack was made after the cancellation of a communist meeting in Oporto which was to have been addressed by Dr Alvaro Cunhal, the party's secretary general. Anti-communist violence in northern Portugal has left six people dead and hundreds injured in the past month.

Military sources said that three regiments in the north which support the moderates' document were on the alert today after the ousting of Brigadier Eurico Corvacho, the region's pro-communist commander.

Brigadier Corvacho's replacement by a moderate officer, announced by the Army High Command in Lisbon last night, followed mounting pressure on him by units throughout the north.

An assembly of officers, sergeants and privates at the Oporto regional headquarters passed a motion opposing Brigadier Corvacho's departure and said a small group of officers was responsible for his being purged.

In the midst of this political ferment, about 1,000 refugees from Angola marched through Lisbon to complain about the treatment they were receiving from the Government.

More than 2,000 refugees are arriving in Lisbon every day from Angola and the facilities set up for their reception have started to break down.

Jose Shercliff writes from Lisbon: Nuno Barbieiri, one of Portugal's top political police prisoners, has made a spectacular jail break in Lisbon. The inspector, who is 28, was arrested after the attempted coup on March 11 when General Spinola left the country.

He escaped with Abilio Novo, a former Republic Guard officer. They were being taken from Caxias jail outside Lisbon to the city's naval hospital with an escort of seven men. When they reached the hospital grounds a group of men brandishing revolvers surrounded the guards and released the prisoners.

Cars with men carrying machine guns covered the rescuers. A car was waiting for the prisoners.

Angra do Heroismo, Azores, Aug 20.—The military commander of the islands has ordered at least six communists back to the mainland of Portugal after two nights of anti-communist violence.

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Letter bomb sent to W Berlin Jewish leader

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Aug 20

The chairman of the Jewish community in West Berlin, Herr Heinz Galinski, found a letter-bomb in the post delivered to the community's offices today.

The package, the size of a cigar box, aroused Herr Galinski's interest as he sorted the mail because it bore as sender the name of someone he knew. He telephoned the man to check, and was told that he had posted no such parcel.

Herr Galinski called the police. Bomb disposal experts had only just enclosed the device in a special armoured transport container when it exploded, but no injury or damage was caused.

'No more money' for TV rights of Olympics

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, Aug 20

The European Broadcasting Union said today that no more money is available for television rights for next summer's Olympic Games in Montreal.

This was in reply to yesterday's statement by Mr Roger Rousseau, president of the Montreal organizing committee, that the two parties "must come to an agreement because it is out of the question to close negotiations".

A week ago the EBU said that negotiations had finally broken down because its "final" offer of $9.3m (£4.4m) on behalf of all broadcasting unions outside North America, had not been accepted by the Canadians, who are asking $18m.

The EBU also said today that the absolute deadline for agreement is September 1 and quoted its president Sir Charles Curran, now on holiday in Spain, as observing that "there is no room for Canadian illusions".

Both parties have moved some way from their positions at the end of January.

If no agreement were reached television networks outside North America would only have news access rights—three 3-minute transmissions of highlights each day.

Spanish journalist accused of insulting Army

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Aug 20

A Barcelona journalist accused of "insulting the armed forces" is expected to appear before a military court this month, informed sources said in Madrid today.

Señor José Maria Huertas Claveria wrote an article about the history of prostitution in Barcelona for the daily *Tele-Expres* in June. One paragraph said that some hotels used by prostitutes were run by widows of military men in the difficult days immediately after the Spanish Civil War. This is apparently the evidence for his alleged crime.

It is believed that Señor Huertas has engendered ill-feeling in the military and police forces in Barcelona by his previous writings. Before joining *Tele-Expres* he edited a progressive Roman Catholic magazine, whose offices were ransacked by fascists.

Earlier this month the police accused Señor Huertas of collaborating with a leading member of the Basque Nationalist Movement, ETA. According to the police, he once offered to help find lodgings for a suspected dissident, but did not actually do so. Señor Huertas, who has been in jail since last month, was placed in solitary confinement immediately after the publication of that police statement.

Canadian victim of cholera treated in Italy

Rome, Aug 20.—Mrs Jean Black, a 60-year-old Canadian who arrived at Civitavecchia on a Greek cruise ship on Sunday, is suffering from cholera, but on her way to full recovery, the Health Ministry said here today.

The authorities regard the case as an isolated one, but are keeping Mrs Black's husband under observation. The ship, the Delphi, had called at a number of Mediterranean ports before arriving in Italy.

Two years ago more than 20 people died of cholera in Italy.

Spain to raise hotel rates

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Aug 20

Holidaymakers will have to pay from 10 to 20 per cent more for accommodation in Spain next year. A committee of The Inter-Ministerial Commission on Prices has recommended an increase of 10 per cent on room prices in the cheaper hotels—13 per cent in three and four-star hotels. An increase of nearly 17 per cent for full pension meals is also proposed.

But Señor José Ramón Alonso, the president of the Hoteliers' Association, said that in 1974 prices in Spain had risen by 20 per cent, this year by 17 per cent and next year they would probably go up by 17 per cent.

He suggested that a fair increase might be more than 50 per cent, but hoteliers would be satisfied with 20 per cent.

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Helicopter escape planned by lawyer

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, Aug 20

The flight of three East Germans by helicopter from Czechoslovakia to Bavaria was organized by a lawyer who himself fled from East Berlin two years ago, it was disclosed today.

Dr Klaus Goebel, a lawyer *acting for the pilot, Mr Barry* Meeker, a 33-year-old American, said today that the escape flight was one of a series worked out by the refugee lawyer, whom he refused to name.

Dr Goebel said there was no *commercial motive attached to* the escape. Mr Meeker, a former major in the United States air force and a Vietnam combat pilot, had carried out the flight for reasons of friendship and had not made any profit. His expenses had been refunded, but that was all.

The refugee lawyer's motive, Dr Goebel said, was the rescue of his friends and relatives in East Germany. Sunday's flight, which came close to disaster *when Czechoslovak border* troops opened fire on the machine, was the third made by Mr Meeker.

The pilot and a girl of 14 were wounded and a man and a woman had to be left behind *on the peninsula in the Moldau* river which had been the rendezvous point.

Dr Goebel described Mr Meeker as "a fervent anticommunist who believes the freedom of such people is *worth a bit of a risk*".

The mysterious figure behind the escape flights swam across the River Elbe to West Germany two years ago with the daughter of a man on board Sunday's flight, he said. The *three trips had set free a total* of 11 people.

Dr Goebel was not able to throw much light on the refugee lawyer's apparent access to considerable funds. Hiring a helicopter for commercial use, as this machine was, can cost £200 an hour or more. He thought the refugees would *help to meet the cost*, but again emphasizes that there was no commercial motive involved in the operation.

Mr Meeker recently returned to Munich from a period in Iran where he had been training helicopter pilots. Whether he was employed by military or civil interests is not clear. He has *also studied at* Munich University and carried out occasional freelance pilot assignments in recent months.

He now faces the loss of his flying licence for infringing air traffic regulations by declaring a false destination and crossing a border illegally. The Public Prosecutor in Munich has *opened an official investigation*.

Traunstein, Aug 20.—Mr Meeker said here today that he had probably made his last refugee flight into communist territory because no one in West Germany would rent him an aircraft again.

He said he received Dm10,000 *(about £1,840) for each flight*, but insisted that his real motive was to help friends and friends of friends.—UPI.

Prague, Aug 20.—Czechoslovakia has delivered "a sharp, verbal protest" to West Germany over the incident, the Foreign Ministry said today.

Paris left-wing paper attacks printers' strike

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Aug 20

Libération, the left-wing newspaper launched in 1973 with the help of Jean-Paul Sartre, the author and philosopher, today admitted that its finances were being "gravely upset" by the repeated strikes in the printing industry this year.

Its cry of anguish came in a leading article as the communist-controlled Printers' Union began today the sixth strike in the Paris press since April. But unlike the fifth strike on August 6, the stoppage this time is nation-wide.

Le Parisien Libéré, the original object of the strikes, will appear in Paris as usual tomorrow because it is now one of the few newspapers printed by non-union labour outside the capital. Its former printing works in Paris are still occupied by 600 of its former printers.

The result is that each time there is yet another strike all the other Paris newspapers lose heavily in revenues.

Libération sharply took to *task the communist leaders of* the Printers' Union, accusing them of exploiting their monopoly position to exert a "political control over the press."

It said that it no more believed the communists' guarantees about the freedom of the press than it did those of *the Government*.

Tuscan resort threatened by scrub fire

Porto Santo Stéfano, Aug 20.—Hundreds of volunteers joined firemen and troops in a night-long fight to quell a scrub fire that threatened the resort of Santo Stéfano on the Tuscan coast.

The fire began yesterday morning and by the evening the flames fanned by strong winds had engulfed most of Argentario mountain.

Dozens of villas and cottages were destroyed. *At Porto Santo* Stéfano tourists evacuated their hotels and villas as the flames reached the outskirts.—Reuter.

OVERSEAS

Dr Kissinger will get a hostile reception from Israel opposition

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, Aug 20

Dr Kissinger, Secretary of State, who arrives tomorrow evening to begin his latest diplomatic shuttle will be met by the most hostile unofficial reception he has had in two years of this strange form of diplomacy. Judging from the intensive security precautions his only chance of seeing the protesters *will be on television*.

He is expected to be met at the airport by Mr Yigal Allon, *the* Foreign Minister, and then rushed to Jerusalem by a secret route, or possibly by helicopter.

There is need for secrecy because university students and other protesters from the opposition and religious groups plan *to station demonstrators all the* way from Ben Gurion Airport to Jerusalem.

The first demonstrations came tonight. Police had to eject a crowd who forced their way into the house of Mr Allon, the *Foreign Minister*.

They accused the Government of selling the country for dollars and giving away its only internal source of oil.

Soon after his arrival Dr Kissinger will meet Israel's negotia*ting team and senior officials* at a working dinner. Talks are expected to continue into the night and resume on Friday before the Secretary of State flies to Alexandria to report to President Sadat.

The strong *security precautions* are also needed because of the possible danger from Palestinian terrorists during the visit, especially in view of the growing hostility of non-Egyptian Arabs to the Sinai accord. Three infiltrators killed at Hanita on the Lebanese border today were members of the *Popular Front for the Liberation* of Palestine, which is headed by one of the leaders of the rejection front, Mr George Habash.

The gang, which had Russian Kalashnikov rifles and Polish *ammunition*, was seen by an Israel patrol while trying to cross the border. The patrol gave chase with the help of a helicopter. The infiltrators were cornered behind rocks and in an exchange of fire two were killed and one Israel soldier wounded. The third infiltrator was killed trying to escape.

One of Israel's October war heroes, Mr Assaf Kadmoni, today returned his medal for valour to Mr Rabin in protest at the planned Sinai settlement. Opposition demonstrations continued in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

The government is showing more concern about the quieter *manifestations of opposition* from within the ranks of its supporters and from left-wing intellectuals and professional men.

Murmurings within are being encouraged by a group of eight *young members of coalition* parties, five from the Rafi wing of the Labour Party, two from the National Religious Party (NRP) and one from the Independent Liberals. One of the NRP men, Mr Zevulun Hammer, is soon expected to join the cabinet to fill one of his party's vacancies.

So long as they do not draw away more than one or two others, the Government's majority in any vote on the agreement will not be endangered. But the group's activities, with behind-the-scenes support from leading personalities, is worrying for Mr Rabin, to is the decision of the Shinui (Change) Party which includes *professors, lawyers and writers* to join the demand for the Government's resignation and new elections.

Shinui, which has growing influence though it was formed recently and is without a par*liamentary seat, generally takes* a conciliatory line towards negotiations with the Arabs, but it regards the present negotiations as having been badly conducted and sees the Government giving in to American *pressure by its willingness* to yield territory in Sinai for $2,000m.

Tel Aviv, Aug 20.—Israel aircraft today bombed a guerrilla base in north-east Lebanon, army headquarters announced. *The base belonged to the guer*rilla group of Dr Habash, a spokesman said. All the aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

Paul Martin writes from Cairo: Egypt has tried to allay its Arab allies' fears of a sell-out" in any new Sinai accord while outlining to the Arab public for the first time some *of the concessions it intends to* make. Significantly, the Egyptians used the Beirut newspaper *Al-Anwar* which supports their line to make their attitude known to a wider Arab audience. Setting out what it main*tained were the principal ele*ments of a 17-point accord which Dr Kissinger will try to *push through, Al-Anwar* linked the accord to the wider aspects of the search for a Middle East peace.

The paper suggested that the questions of a further Israel withdrawal on the Golan *Heights and the Palestinian* issue would be covered in communications between the Egyptian and American Presidents to be annexed to the accord.

Al-Anwar says Egypt and Israel will both undertake not to resort to the use of force. Israel will give an undertaking not to initiate an *attack on Syria and Egypt will* agree not to join in any new conflict between Israel and another Arab party unless it was esrablished that Israel launched the attack.

The newspaper report also revealed that Egypt had agreed to the transit of Israel cargoes through the Suez Canal in the *ships of a third country*.

Fred Emery writes from Washington: Dr Kissinger leaves for the Middle East today, evidently confident of securing the "interim" disengagement agreement between Israel and Egypt which eluded him last spring.

Nothing has been said in *public to dismiss this impres*sion, which Dr Kissinger left this morning with senior American reporters at a breakfast "background" meeting.

Dr Kissinger insisted, after his spring disappointment, that *he would not go to the Middle* East again unless he was assured of 90 per cent success. Such is still the assumption, give or take a point.

Comrades in arms: Corporal Ernst Steinbrauer, an Austrian serving with the United Nations in the Middle East, and Miss Jeanette Farraj, a private in the Israel Army, have both been disciplined because of a love affair.

Boy meets girl in the buffer zone

Tel Aviv, Aug 20.—An Israel girl soldier from Jerusalem, who visited Syria with an Austrian corporal serving in a United Nations force, is three months pregnant. The couple want to marry as soon as the corporal converts to Judaism, a newspaper report said here *today*.

"All that we ask is that they let us love and let us live", Miss Jeanette Farraj told the *newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth*.

Miss Farraj is on trial before a close military court in Haifa on charges of going behind Syrian lines, with Corporal Ernst Steinbrauer, to Quneitra and spending two days there in March. *They were caught in* his United Nations car by Israel military police on the way through Israel lines.

Corporal Steinbrauer was dismissed from the Austrian forces and sent home, but flew back to Tel Aviv a few days later.

He told *Yedioth* that he planned to marry *Miss Farraj* as soon as he was received into Judaism.—UPI.

Russia has lead in submarine power

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Soviet Navy could have a dozen of the new Delta and Delta 2 submarines in commission by the end of this year, each one *capable* of launching 4,200-mile ballistic missiles to any part of the United States and a large part of China, without leaving the safety of the Barents Sea.

Well beyond the detection limits of Western maritime surveillance systems, the submarines have introduced a new *factor into nuclear deterrence* at least seven years before the first of the American £380m Trident boats is due for completion, according to *Jane's Fighting Ships 1975-76*, which surfaces today.

Reviewing the Russian submarine programme in general, with 311 craft of all kinds now in commission, Captain John Moore in his editor's foreword says they represent "a classic case of overkill"—even if one of their primary aims is to defend the Soviet Union against American, British and French ballistic missile submarines.

He continues: "Although the detection of ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) is still a highly problematic task, a commander can only deploy a certain number of submarines into a particular area of sea. The available Soviet numbers far exceed those needed to hunt a maximum of 50 SSBNs as well as the aircraft carriers with a nuclear strike capability."

This fleet is far more potent than the 57 patrol *submarines* which Germany deployed in 1939. Yet ironically, the Royal Navy's force of 81 light cruisers and destroyers compares with the "absurdly meagre total" of 81 destroyers it had at the outbreak of the war.

On the other hand, the two new Soviet aircraft carriers, the first of which is *expected to* join the fleet later this year, cannot be compared with the United States Navy's 14 attack carriers, including the nuclear-propelled Nimitz and Enterprise.

The 35,000-ton Russian carriers are unlikely to carry more than helicopters and vertical take-off aircraft which are valuable only in a friendly or neutral air environment.

In sizing up the two superpower navies today Captain Moore says there is no answer to the question: "Which one is Number One?" The 500 ships at present in the United States inventory is, however, *exactly the same as in 1939* and compares with 508 a year ago, 976 at the peak of the Vietnam war and 900 in 1964.

The United States Navy is receiving high quality officers and sailors, all of them volunteers, and the first-term reenlistment, involving sailors who sign on for a second tour of duty, is running at a record rate.

The Soviet fleet by contrast, must remain something of an enigma. Although officers receive high-level technical training, there remains a need *for technical ability in a navy* which is short of senior ratings and has "an enormous training problem" for juniors. Captain Moore comments that with up to 60,000 conscripts aged 18 entering the navy each spring and autumn, one would expect a considerable burden of responsibility to be thrown upon *the seniors*.

Although Soviet equipment is tough, little is seen of actual firings to show the efficiency of their ships' weapons.

Jane's Fighting Ships 1975-76 which describes 15,000 ships belonging to 125 countries, is published by Macdonald Jane's at £19.50.

Man 'was handcuffed for eight months'

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Aug 20

Mr Alexandros Panagoulis, the man who tried unsuccessfully *to* kill the Greek dictator, Mr George Papadopoulos, in 1968, told the Athens court martial today that after his arrest he had been tortured and left in handcuffs day and night for eight months.

Mr Panagoulis, who is now an Opposition Member of Parliament, was giving evidence in *the trial* of 31 officers and privates from EAT/ESA, the special interrogation service of the military police, who are accused of torturing political prisoners.

His first experience at EAT/ESA had been that *his hands* were tied behind his back and soldiers burned him with cigarettes to make him confess. Later he was whipped with a wire by the chief defendant, Colonel Theophyloyanakos while others applied red hot needles to his genital organs.

In spite of all this he had *not confessed*. "My signature on the confession produced at my trial later", he told the judges today, "had been forged by Theophyloyanakos himself". The result of this had been that he was beaten on the soles of the feet and subjected to other tortures for three months.

At one point, one of his interrogators had said: "You traitor. You are trying to stop Greece from expanding all the way to the Danube." He had *been denied* all contact with his lawyer before and during the trial in which he was sentenced to death.

He said he had been sent to the death cell at Aegina island prison, and a squad of gendar*mes kept* training outside his window. Each day the execution was postponed and he was pressed to sign a petition for mercy. He refused and then his execution was stayed.

Athens, Aug 20.—Lawyers for *20 ringleaders* of the fallen military junta charged with high treason and insurrection began their pleas before an Athens high civil court today.

Counsel for retired Lieutenant-General Grigorios Spandidakis said that his client was arrested by the plotters on the night of the coup on April 21, 1967. "He was a prisoner in the hands of the plotters. He had been inv[illegible] *against* his own will. [illegible] innocent.

"He acted out of h[illegible] because he wanted to gain [illegible]trol of the situation and [illegible] bloodshed", counsel said.

After his arrest Ge[illegible] Spandidakis, aged 66, w[illegible] the time of the coup wa[illegible] Chief of the Army General [illegible] ordered the "Prometh[illegible] plan which dealt with in[illegible] upheaval to be put into [illegible] This enabled the plotte[illegible] seize power and conso[illegible] their grip on the countr[illegible]

General Spandidakis, [illegible] pleaded not guilty to [illegible] charges, became Deputy [illegible] Minister and Defence M[illegible] in the Army-backed gover[illegible] formed immediately afte[illegible] coup. He refused to take [illegible] in the royal coup in Dec[illegible] 1967 and was retired b[illegible] junta.

His counsel said that G[illegible] Spandidakis had no [illegible]nexion with the plotters [illegible] preparation of the coup [illegible] know nothing about the [illegible] the plotters and wh[illegible] realized that they w[illegible] *perpetuate* their prese[illegible] power, he made several [illegible] to react."

Counsel for retired [illegible] George Zoitakis pleaded [illegible] guilty on his behalf. He [illegible] general was not aware [illegible] preparations for the plane [illegible] execution of the coup.

General Zoitakis, the [illegible] member of the powerfu[illegible] Army Corps based in S[illegible] was in Athens on the da[illegible] coup to attend the mee[illegible] the Supreme Defence [illegible]

"The general secretariat [illegible] of Under-Secretary [illegible] Defence immediately [illegible] success of the coup a[illegible] the post of regent, in [illegible] to help return the co[illegible] parliamentary rule. He [illegible] that he could use his [illegible] and prestige to achi[illegible] aim", counsel said.

Counsel for the defendants, including former *President* Mr Papadopoulos, are expected to plead tomorrow. The prosecutor yesterday [illegible] guilty verdicts for all b[illegible] the accused. High tre[illegible] insurrection charges [illegible] possible death penalty.

San Francisco mayor's home bombed

From Our Own *Correspondent*
New York, Aug 20

A bomb exploded early today at the home of Mr Joseph Alioto, the Mayor of San Francisco, while he was trying to end the pay dispute which has brought all San Francisco's police out on strike.

A sign was found on the Mayor's lawn, saying: "Don't threaten us". But Mr Alioto said he did not think there was any connexion between the explosion and the police strike. "We have a lot of people fishing in troubled waters", he said. "We have a lot of sick people."

The explosion shattered windows and severely damaged the front porch of Mr Alioto's home, *but no one was injured*.

US racing driver dies after crash

Graz, Aug 20.—Mark Donohue, the United States racing driver, who crashed last weekend while practising for the Austrian Grand Prix, died in hospital last night from a severe brain contusion and *cerebral bleeding*. He was 38. —Reuter.

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US astronaut to have lung operati[illegible]

From Our Correspon[illegible]
New York, Aug 20

Mr Donald Slayton, of last month's Soviet joint space mission, is [illegible] go surgery for poss[illegible] cancer, the National A[illegible] and Space Administr[illegible] nounced yesterday.

Doctors discovered [illegible]mality in the lower [illegible] Mr Slayton's left lu[illegible] course of examining [illegible] possible damage resul[illegible] the poisonous fumes [illegible] three astronauts inha[illegible] their spaceship land[illegible]

A spokesman for [illegible] the abnormality had [illegible] do with the poisono[illegible] Although it was pres[illegible] rays taken before the [illegible] had previously esc[illegible] doctors' attention.

Mr Slayton's career [illegible] dogged by ill-health. [illegible] after he was selected [illegible] the initial team of [illegible] astronauts, he was gr[illegible] cause of a heart fl[illegible] served as non-flying [illegible] the astronauts' offi[illegible] years. Last month he [illegible] the age of 51, the c[illegible] over to fly in space.

Soviet reports of unrest and purges in China

Moscow, Aug 20.—Moscow newspapers reported today that purges and deportations had been carried out in China after uprising by workers and peasants in a number of provinces because of economic problems.

The reports in part quoted the Chinese press of mid-July. They said that in Hangchow, the administrative centre of Chekiang province, "the sabotage by class enemies led to the stagnation of production and the displeasure of the population".

Army units had been sent to Hangchow to reestablish order and occupied 22 industrial establishments. Some local troops had joined the workers. After the uprising, purges had been carried out in the local *party and military administra*tion, the reports went on.

The military commander and first commissar of the Chekiang military district and the first and second secretaries of the Hangchow party committee had been relieved from their posts.

"Many participants in the uprisings were deported to labour camps for reeducation through physical labour."

Peasant uprisings were also reported in the south-western provinces of Yunnan and Szechwan. In one area of Yunnan province more than 2,000 people had taken part in an uprising and the youth involved had been "deported for permanent residence in the rural areas". Police and military *detachments* had been sent to suppress the unrest.

Mr Mikhail Yakovlev, a Tass observer, said: "Official propaganda in Peking is trying to hide the real reasons for the uprising, *describing them as the* actions of 'class enemies', but from analysis of the articles in the Chinese press one can make a clear conclusion—the internal troubles in China are a result of the policies carried out by *Mao Tse-tung and his group*.

"The Maoists have undertaken attempts to increase production by increasing exploitation of the workers. 'Merciless war', as the Peking press calls it, is announced in China against the principles of material stimulation and the improvement of living conditions."—AP.

Strong team to represent Rhodesia at Victoria Falls

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Aug 20

There were growing indications today that the forthcoming conference between the Rhodesian Government and the African National Council on the Victoria Falls bridge may engage in more substantive negotiations than the Rhodesians *had intended originally*.

Although the Rhodesian team has not been announced officially, it is expected that Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, will take with him a number of senior ministers, rather than a small delegation as was expected earlier.

The Rhodesian Broadcasting *Corporation, which normally* reflects Government thinking, today announced some of the names of those expected to confront the African delegation.

They include Mr Pieter van der Byl, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defence; Mr Jack Mussett, *Minister of Internal* Affairs; Mr Wickus de Kock, Minister of Information; and *Mr Reginald Cowper, Minister* of the Public Service and Coordination.

The party will also include Mr Jack Gaylard, secretary to the Cabinet, and Mr Anthony Smith, the Attorney-General, both of whom have taken part in all the previous negotiations.

A notable absentee, according to the radio's list, is Mr Desmond Lardner-Burke, the Minister of Justice and Law and *Order*. It is assumed that, as he was the man directly responsible for the detention of many of the nationalist leaders, his presence was unacceptable.

The high-level composition of the Government delegation would seem to indicate that the talks are going to last more than the "half an hour" Mr Smith mentioned last week.

Kidnapped heir's father marries again

From Our Correspondent
New York, Aug 20

With his kidnapped son, Samuel, safely home, Mr *Edgar Bronfman, the whisky* millionaire, was married today to Miss Georgiana Webb, the daughter of an Essex architect and innkeeper.

The civil ceremony was performed on the lawn of Mr *Bronfman's* 158-acre estate in Westchester county.

The wedding had been arranged for last Saturday, but was postponed because of the kidnapping. Mr Samuel Bronfman was found in a flat in *Brooklyn on Sunday morning*. Two men have been charged in connexion with the kidnapping.

Terrorism Act arrests in S Africa

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, Aug 20

Police made arrests in Cape Town and Pietermaritzburg, *Natal, today under the Terror*ism Act. In Cape Town, a University of Cape Town lecturer, Mr James Polley, of the Department of Extramural Studies, was detained. His office was searched, and his housekeeper, Miss Megan Riley, arrested.

In Pietermaritzburg Mr Gerry Marais, a member of the executive of the National Union of South African Students, was arrested.

*Mr Polley is a council mem*ber of the South African Institute of Race Relations.

Police ransack Thai leader's h[illegible]

From Our Correspondent
Bangkok, Aug 20

The Thai Cabinet decided today against declaring a state of emergency after a rash of police and other protests in Bangkok, starting with the ransacking of the home of Mr *Kukrit Pramoj, the Prime Min*ister, by a mob of drunken police.

This display of anarchy by the police force was matched later by several thousand technical students who attacked Thammasat University, smashing windows and other property before dispersing after a threat to burn it down.

Another protest group of several hundred policemen gathered outside the national police headquarters in Bangkok, *but dispersed after re*ceiving assurances from General Pote Bekanan, the chief *of police, that the Prime Min*ister would not press charges against the mob who ransacked his house.

Earlier, General Kris Sivara, the army commander in chief, indicated that the armed forces *were unofficially on alert, but* the emergency cabinet meeting later decided against declaring a state of emergency.

The circumstances behind today's outbursts are complicated and confusing. It appears that *the main issue behind the police* action was resentment against the government for allowing the public prosecutor [illegible] nine peasants and st[illegible] were arrested for tr[illegible] other offences during [illegible] dispute in northern [illegible]

However, the far [illegible] of resentment not o[illegible] protesting police in [illegible] Thailand but also [illegible] the whole country, is [illegible] fore Parliament [illegible] police investigation p[illegible]

If this Bill is p[illegible] police will have to s[illegible] powers with civilian [illegible] officials and take i[illegible] from the governors [illegible] land's 71 provinces.

It would mean an [illegible] *loss of influence* a[illegible] quently power, and [illegible] pay-offs to the pol[illegible]

Businessman sent hoax Hoffa picture

Detroit, Aug 20.—A photograph of Mr James Hoffa, the missing former Teamsters' Union president, and a handicapped businessman, was sent to his family as a hoax, it was learnt today. The picture was taken about a week or 10 days before Mr Hoffa vanished.

The picture was posted yesterday to United Press International and to Mr Hoffa's son. *Police sources said the busi*nessman, Mr Monroe Lerman, of Orlando, Florida, admitted to Federal Bureau of Investigation agents that he posted the photographs himself. The FBI were to question him to find out why he did so.

Mr Lerman's lawyer, Mr Ed Kirkland, of Orlando, said Mr *Lerman and Mr Hoffa met* to discuss forming a national union for handicapped persons. The photograph was taken by Mr Lerman's wife outside an Orlando restaurant after a dinner meeting.—UPI.

Compromise on Sihanouk return to Cambodia

From David Bonavia
Peking, Aug 20

China's mediation in the complex Cambodian situation appears to have been an almost unqualified success. Prince Norodom Sihanouk, regarded as the Cambodian head of state, is reported to be *preparing* his imminent departure from Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, where he has stayed for the past three months with his entourage.

It is expected that he will come to Peking soon with Mr Khieu Samphan, the Khmer Rouge leader, who is officially *known* as Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia. Mr Khieu went to Pyongyang on Monday after a visit to China during which he is believed to have had secret talks with an envoy of Prince Sihanouk.

These talks have apparently resolved for the time being the differences between the two Cambodian factions, much to the relief of the Chinese, who did not relish the prospect of sheltering Prince Sihanouk if he were to fall out with the Khmer Rouge.

A Chinese official said on the eve of Mr Khieu's departure that it was the end of his visit *to China. This suggests that he* will not have further official talks with Chinese leaders on his way back to Cambodia.

However, it would seem only natural for Prince Sihanouk to stop briefly in Peking in order to pay his respects to the Government which played host to him for more than five years after his overthrow in the coup staged by Marshal Lon Nol.

Diplomatic sources in Pyongyang say that the Prince's entourage is preparing to leave with him. If this is so, it means an important concession by Mr Khieu who originally wanted Prince Sihanouk to return to Cambodia accompanied only by *his wife, Princess Monique, and* by Mr Penn Nouth, the nominal Prime Minister, and Mrs Penn Nouth.

It remains to be seen what Prince Sihanouk has yielded in exchange for being allowed to bring his retinue back to Cambodia as a kind of moral bodyguard.

It appears that Mr Ieng Sary, another Deputy Prime Minister *who accompanied* Mr Khieu on his visit to Peking, is taking over more responsibility for foreign affairs, which is Prince Sihanouk's favourite preoccupation.

Mr Ieng left Peking yester*day for Lima to attend the con*ference of foreign ministers of non-aligned nations. However, Prince Sihanouk's supporters are saying in Pyongyang that they expect him to speak for Cambodia at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly and later to go on a two-month tour of Arab countries, with the aim of raising funds.

Whether this has really been *agreed wholeheartedly by Mr* Khieu, or is being offered to Prince Sihanouk as a bait, will become clear only after the Prince's return to Cambodia. It is questionable how long the dour Khmer Rouge leadership will want to be represented abroad by anyone as loquacious and volatile as the Prince.

A joint communiqué issued at the end of their visit to China by Mr Khieu and Mr Ieng indicates that Cambodia is prepared to follow China's line in world affairs more closely than any other country except Albania.

It reiterates nearly all of *Peking's general formulations* of the world situation, including condemnations of "the contention for world hegemony between the superpowers". However, it stops short of direct criticism of the Soviet Union even under the euphemism of "social imperialism", which is regularly used by *Peking*.

Just the same, this position is closer to Peking's line than *that of either Hanoi* or Pyongyang, and the formulation represents an important success for China in its *campaign to* contain Soviet influence in South-East Asia after the conclusion of the Indo-China war.

Zambia may divert cop[illegible] exports from Angola p[illegible]

From Our Correspondent
Lusaka, Aug 20

Zambia is considering diverting its copper exports from the port of Lobito through the Benguela railway in Angola to the ports of Beira and Dar es Salaam on the east coast.

This move was confirmed here today by Mr Haswell Mwale, Zambian Minister of State for Contingency Planning.

The minister said that if the present war situation in Angola did not ease, Zambia's imports *and exports would be diverted*.

Already ships carrying Zambian-bound cargo at Lobito are being diverted to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania and Beira in Mozambique.

All rail traffic to and from Zambia through the Benguela railway has been disrupted for a week, according to informed *sources here. It is likely that* Zambian copper exports would also be transported through the newly-completed Tanzam railway from Kapiri [illegible] Zambia to Dar es S[illegible]

Luanda, Aug 20.—[illegible] Luanda, where qua[illegible] choked with the l[illegible] whites leaving Angol[illegible] strike today after a[illegible] between a docker a[illegible] guese soldiers.

A shipping compa[illegible] said troops beat up [illegible] who, the soldiers [illegible] *attacked one of them*.

A communiqué i[illegible] night by the Portugu[illegible] forces *reported only* [illegible] fighting in the coun[illegible]

Our Johannesburg [illegible] dent writes: Road [illegible] move several thousan[illegible] refugees from Groot[illegible] South-west Africa [illegible] Republic are being [illegible]

Each convoy on [illegible] mile route to Pretori[illegible] sist of 25 vehicles [illegible] ing 100 male refugee[illegible] children, the elderly [illegible] are being sent by air [illegible]

Tuscan resort threatened by scrub fire

Porto Santo Stéfano, Aug 20.—Hundreds of volunteers joined firemen and troops in a night-long fight to quell a scrub fire that threatened the resort of Santo Stéfano on the Tuscan coast.

The fire began yesterday morning and by the evening the flames fanned by strong winds had engulfed most of Argentario mountain.

Dozens of villas and cottages were destroyed. *At Porto Santo* Stéfano tourists evacuated their hotels and villas as the flames reached the outskirts.—Reuter.

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BOOKS

An Arab in Israel

David Pryce-Jones

Waiting for the Dawn
y Atallah Mansour
(Secker & Warburg, £2.90)

oking round the world I came interested in the Arab-aeli dispute because what I ad about it in the newspapers ade neither political nor man sense. So I spent a year the Middle East, in 1962, that sant age when the area might ll have escaped a Great Power ve-up; and one day in zareth I was introduced to allah Mansour, then in his d-twenties as I was, a ristian Arab, a man sceptical everything but not to the int of giving up his faith in nkind.

Atallah Mansour is a enomenon, for although his tural language is Arabic, he s published a novel in brew, the first Arab ever to so. As a correspondent for leading daily in Israel, he over the years taken it upon nself to interpret one side to the other. In the sense that his loyalties, like his languages, are divided, he is a credit to both Arabs and Israelis. Right is right and wrong is wrong, no matter who the doer might be, but bravery as well as honesty are required in a fraught situation like his, if the tongue is to obey the conscience.

At the business of following events, I have spent many an hour with him in Israel or on the West Bank, in the company of notables or villagers alike. We have travelled in peace and also, alas, to the sound of gunfire. But if this has been an education, literally scores of foreign correspondents have shared it. Reporters arrive on the scene who know nothing of Arabs or Jews, and they rush to judgment, ignorant even of their ignorance. Such is Atallah Mansour's reputation now that even men of this stripe will soon home in on him. In spite of, or because of, two recent wars, much comment on the Middle East is still the pamphleteering of knaves and thugs, but if the level of understanding among commentators has risen, Atallah Mansour has played his part in it.

His is the story of simple people in a community swamped by events they neither started nor could end. Born in a Galilee village, the son of a peasant, he grew up under the British Mandate with the Zionist struggle coming to a despairing head. "No one knew what was happening in Europe." On the one hand, in 1948, there was what the village considered "the Jewish gang", and on the other the Arabs out for spoils, and on them falls this heavy judgment, "I myself cannot recall a single incident to suggest that our leaders were either sincere or honest." Between the hammer and the anvil the Palestinians were ruined, the majority scattering in exile. Atallah Mansour went to school in Lebanon but returned home soon enough to be spared the sad, unnecessary fate of the refugees.

As an Arab in Israel he has succeeded by talent alone. He took the trouble to find out what motivated the Israelis. He worked on a kibbutz; he went to see Ben Gurion, and probed what had happened in Europe by visiting Germany. Political activity as such has been empty these many years, as he points out, for in the circumstances the choice is between joining some branch of the Israeli establishment or being subject to a cause, call it Arab, nationalist or communist, behind which is a foreign paymaster. The Palestinian voice is lost. "The leaders my people so desperately need are as yet unborn", he writes, and that goes for the Arafats and Habashes in safe Beirut too. This short autobiography is an exclamation of the deep desire for peace, without which nothing more will be achieved. Personal example speaks for itself above the surrounding slogans which are the fuel of war. His own master, in Nazareth as ever, he deals in reality as a writer must, and in hope instead of bitterness, as a human being should.

The short, unhappy life of Isaac Rosenberg

ourney to the Trenches
e Life of Isaac Rosenberg 90-1918
y Joseph Cohen
obson Books, £4.95)

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e Half Used Life
y Jean Liddiard
ollancz, £6)

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t and Painter
Jean Moorcraft
ilson
cil Woolf, £4.75)

Self-portrait 1910

il about 10 years ago, *ak of Day in the Trenches* the only poem of Isaac enberg's to be at all well-wn. More recently he has me a little more celebrated, er regarded; and now e three biographies, one on of the other—a waste of urces, a bore for the ors, and an unprofitable cidence for the publishers. at least a real consolidation

Rosenberg's reputation ld at last begin: readers ld be sent to the other ch poems, to the extra-nary play *Moses*.

nsenberg was born, the of Russian *émigré* parents, 890 in Bristol, and grew up, verted and lonely, in an End slum, mainly educat-himself (with his friends later fellow-writers uel Winsten, Joseph Left- and John Rodker) at echapel Library. Primarily et, he was also an artist, sponsored by a rich Jewish an with whom he even-y fell out, he was able to id the Slade School of Art ng its most controversial od, along with Brett andington, Mark Gertler, W. Nevinson and Stanley ser.

spite the encouragement aurence Binyon, Gordon mley, Lascelles Aber-bie, Ezra Pound, and—e all—that marvellous n and friend Eddie Marsh, oetry, when it struggled print at all, had little suc-

He made no money from irst booklet; sold only 10 s of his second; saw only of his verses printed in dicals. Even after his , publishers consistently money by bringing out his s.

1915, he joined up in to provide some kind of ne for his impoverished ts and their family. Quite quate in physique and al health, he scraped into Bantam Regiment specially led by an ingenious govern-to make cannon fodder of declared unfit for service nventional regiments. Only ld Firbank springs to mind ssibly a less suitable can-e for the Army; and ink would at least have had tyle to carry off the situa-as high comedy. Rosenberg simply miserable. Unlike ed Owen and Rupert ke, he was no gentleman experience of manly pur-: he had no idea what to t. He found himself sur-led by cheerfully unthink-Jew-baiters, constantly ting his equipment, his orn by the new boots he ot know enough to oil. His comrades were "horrible rabble"; to them he was "a miserable fellow", a "bit of a harmless freak" at best.

Neither was he the kind of "war poet" to catch the public imagination and sympathy. Brooke's poems "reminded him too much of flag days"; in his own poetry—"war poetry" only because he found himself caught up in war—he was more interested in exploring his own poetic personality and extending his technique, than in putting out more flags. Without any friend to show his poems to (one officer, mistakenly confided in, threw away the envelopes on the back of which the drafts were scribbled), he was even forbidden to send them back to Eddie Marsh: "the censor won't be bothered with going through such rubbish."

Rosenberg was killed on the Somme on April Fool's Day, 1918. His life was neither long enough nor full enough to be naturally rich ground for a biographer, and both Jean Liddiard and Dr Wilson have perhaps padded too much by quoting the poetry at great length (though this will at least bring it to readers' attention). There are contradictions between the three books, though the same sources have mostly been used. One tends to trust Dr Cohen most wholeheartedly: he was fortunate in having the active cooperation of Rosenberg's sister Annie, and is especially sound on the poet's literary background, and on the nature of his Jewishness. Dr Wilson is least impressive there; at one point she actually says that Rosenberg's sensuousness is "not unexpected in one of Jewish race"! She does, however, make particularly good use of the letters and memoirs. Of the three authors, Jean Liddiard pays most serious attention to the paintings and drawings.

The poetry has been analysed elsewhere (notably by Jon Silkin in a special issue of *Stand*), and Dr Cohen gives a useful bibliography. Either of these three books provides an adequate account of the life, and there is a good edition of the *Collected Poems* (edited by Gordon Bottomley and Denys Harding). Rosenberg has at last been done full justice. Won't someone now turn attention to the poets of the Second World War who still lack biographies—most notably Sidney Keyes and Alun Lewis?

Derek Parker

A new collection of Rosenberg's poetry, edited by Ian Parsons, will be published by Chatto and Windus next year.

igh spirits and hyperbole

cted Poems 1951-1975, by es Causley (Macmillan, . Causley has few modern in his chosen field, that e ballad. He writes a , strutting kind of verse, cterized by hyperbole and spirits:

walked down by the river
by the frozen fen
the grey cathedral
the eyes of a child of ten.
railway arch is smoky
Flying Scot goes by
ut for the Education Act
mper Cross and I.

is from his first book, and bt if he has surpassed it. Indeed, there comes a sense from this volume that he has done little else but *repeat*, with great flair, the same note over and over. Compare him with a poet who is in several respects his master, Roy Campbell, and you see that what is missing in Causley is more than a few teeth and some fits of bad temper. Campbell's romanticism is informed by an awareness that it may be a bit late in the day for this sort of thing. Causley's seems bland beside it. Campbell is also at his sharpest as a translator, where Causley keeps his Muse monotonously at home, despite frequent reference to his wartime adventures in the Navy. All the same, I have now said more against him than the case deserves. He is an authentic poet, and his verse will survive it. He reads his own work decently aloud, and it has the merit of being intelligible at a single hearing, as you can discover from a gramophone record issued simultaneously with this book—*Causley Reads Causley* (Sentinel Records, £2.38).

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By Iris Owens
(*Quartet*, £2.95)

Out of Africa always something new, wrote the first fiction-writer of Europe. David Pownall has returned to the scene of the crime and some of the cast of his *The Raining Tree War*, set somewhere over the Copperbelt, south of the Congo, north-north-west of Phantasmagoria, in a newly independent bwanana republic called Zonkendawo. Apartheid and racial antagonism, sex and death are solemnly agonizing subjects for our culture. David Pownall heals the agony by daring to make outrageous comedy out of emergent Africa. His book is a bawdy black fairy tale, a sort of Kaffirs and Boers in Wonderland, with a Dutch Deformed Predikant as the wicked stepmother, and women of all colours as handsome sexual objects. It is about—a rash way to begin a sentence in the case of Mr Pownall—correction, it is partly about a young Englishman reluctantly called Hurl Halfcock, escaping from the life of mindless consumption in England to find his animal fathers and his animal self in Africa, the continent where all human life began.

The lunacy of the continent sweeps him away in a dual wave of anarchy, drunken disaster, and interracial, intraracial farce. The Bucket-Wheel Excavator gang, with names like Washable Trinket Muzozo, work in the Open Pit, where our hero is briefly Industrial Relations Officer. Animism melts dream-like into anthropomorphism. Hippopuns merge into Hippopophantasy, Hippopoculation, and occasionally Hippomania. But underneath the farce a love for Africa and Africans shines through, and a hatred for tyranny and exploiters and men imprisoned by the colour of their skins, whatever the colour. It is cleansing to be able to laugh at the paranoia of apartheid. As the old proverb says, the African race is an india-rubber ball; the harder you bounce it on the ground the higher it will rise. Or, as they say in Zonkendawo, if you don't find this book funny and moving, away and *hlanganana* a *ngandu*.

The narrator and interior monologist of Iris Owens's new book is a flower of New York intellectual womanhood: that is to say from the same botanical species as belladonna or deadly nightshade. Harriet is: egomaniac; destructive; bitchy; skating with brittle self-assurance over the thin ice of breakdown; neurotic; wielding her id like Clytemnestra wielded her axe; and extremely funny. Claude of the title is a French rat fink of a television producer whose life Harriet has enriched immeasurably by moving in with him.

With difficulty he throws her out, which Harriet translates into a decision to leave him. Mistress of the offensive put-down and wisecrack, she rushes on to sinister disaster as if she is rushing plasma to a beheading. Harriet is a guerrilla in the war between and among the sexes, internecine in its original sense of murderous rather than in Dr Johnson's misinterpretation and the vogue meaning as mutually destructive. Harriet is the one who regularly gets destroyed, and comes to a sticky end. She is a notable character in the freak-show called life; but the last girl in the world to pick to be marooned on a desert island with, Lucrezia Borgia and Agrippina being included in the list of candidates.

Dog Soldiers, by Robert Stone (Secker & Warburg, £3.50). Hippy Hemingway-type about a fouled-up plan to smuggle a vast quantity of heroin from Vietnam into the States; full of machismo, paranoid violence, vomiting, foul-mouthed, grunt-like prose, and other manly virtues. A pharmacopoeia of all ingestible drugs is ingested in all quarters, and the strong arm of the law turns out, would you believe it, to have hands as dirty and greedy as everybody

New Road, by Judy Cooke (Gollancz, £3.20). Realistic conservationist tale about proposed redevelopment of a Georgian terrace in South London; perceptive about topophilia and the differing private motives behind the public faces that make up pressure-groups; singularly misinformed about reporters, and just a touch of chiaroscuro pretension about the inspiration of artists.

Postcript for Malpas, by Peter Pearson (Macmillan, £2.75). Quaint politico-industrial thriller set in the Highlands, alleged to take place in 1985; but it feels more like the 1930s, by Dornford Yates out of John Buchan on an off-day. Staunch local children and courteous, owlish gentlemen outwit the fiendish baddies, and behave like perfect gents towards their hearty, outdoor girls: when drying one after a midnight swim in her knickers, "I dried her back . . . her front, naturally, I left to her."

Philip Howard

Sociological nightmare

The St Albans Poisoner
The Life and Crimes of Graham Young
By Anthony Holden
(*Hodder & Stoughton, £2.75*)

The macabre details of the Graham Young case are still fresh in the public mind. A sensible, enlightening book, *Obsessive Poisoner* by his sister—a forgiving woman, considering that he had tried to poison her among his many "experiments", has already appeared, giving the background story of this young poisoner. What then is Anthony Holden's brief?

The blurb calls it "An important book". It is. Carefully researched, it deals, with detachment, not just with the gruesome facts of his crimes, but also examines the holes in the net through which a boy, sentenced to a period of detention with a recommendation that it should be for not less than 15 years, was released 8½ years later on the advice of two medical officers alone—the permissible situation at that time. The views of those psychiatrists who had given evidence at his trial were apparently not re-read.

Dr Christopher Fysh, who had stated that Young's condition was unlikely to improve and that he was "extremely likely" to poison again, was actually gagged by the Official Secrets Act up to and including Young's 1972 trial: the strong opposition of the nursing staff, who were quite certain what he had been up to, were similarly ignored. Incredibly, Young found a job without anyone being informed of his past; he made regular visits to the probation office but, in accordance with policy, no probation officer ever visited his lodgings where a small laboratory of poisons was being amassed. Prior to his employment, the Thames Valley police had been informed of the poisoner on their manor, but no word reached the Hertfordshire police. It was less than a month after he had joined Hadland's that his first victim began to suffer. It took Bob Egle from June 3 to July 7 to die horribly. Not until late November was the "Bovingdon bug" identified as no microbe but a cold-blooded paranoic killer. Such, in brief, are the facts.

The author presents a formidable case for consideration. Even after Young's conviction (but before the Aarvold Committee had reported) another Broadmoor patient, Terence John Hiffe, was released on licence in the same way, to strangle his fourth wife within the year, 15 days after their marriage, hiding her body in a deep-freeze. The Aarvold recommendations are now presumably in force, as are some hitherto unpublished conditions relating to recall, while the long-term inquiry under Lord Butler is proceeding, with wide terms of reference.

In a valuable last chapter, Holden sums up, using a quotation from *The Sunday Times*: "The Young affair is probably best seen as one of those cases where, in a humane system, everything that could go wrong did so." Of the new safeguards, Holden remarks, one that could have saved Young's victims is the greatly improved method of screening, so that a dangerous ("classified") patient's release is much more carefully supervised, with special reference to those who have actually had responsibility for him during his detention. Altogether, a valuable sociological document, presented in most readable form.

Peta Fordham

Shopping/John Groser

☐ Are you as depressed by Minister going on about the inflation (Wilson's war on might say) as I am? In the to the new Kutchinsky shop New Bond Street should It will officially fling open you on September 2; meanwhile you will still be welcome Brompton Road now and after Septem

Assuming that as a hedge tion you have, as the Monetary recommends, "forty thousand your pyjamas and twenty francs in the fridge", yo although quite a lot of (as Jo Kutchinsky, the fabulous jewelry calls ously expensive.

Kutchinsky is still much a family concern and the salon more like a domestic some rather nice people happens) than a this atmosphere They intend to maintain old world charm at New Bond Street, to each customer, (at least one Kutchinsky as far as I could see, customers come from all over the world to spend thousand pounds.

So, get the noies out of your pyjamas, raid the fridge and join the queue of mysterious looking shaikhs, their yashmaked wives and the bevy of gorgeous, suntanned men who seem to be entrusted by the husbands to go shopping alone at Kutchinsky.

In the meantime, photograph (though it is all so unisex really that both ranges appeal to men and women) is the dress watch in 18 carat white gold with diamonds and a black onyx case. Except for the fact that all these models have been promised to someone in the Middle East—to give to his friends—you could buy one for £2,265. That includes VAT and not by post, please.

Some, though, have already been sold to customers other than the gentleman aforementioned (I promised not to give names) so if you have one, everyone else will probably think you are the close friend of a gentleman from . . . ah, you nearly caught me. If it really turns you on, the Kutchinsky craftsmen would probably make you something similar.

Also photographed is a gold and enamel gas lighter and an 18 carat gold and enamel felt tip pen. These cost £425 and £420 respectively and there are many attractive designs for both with prices starting at around £350 for the less ornate examples.

Coral, onyx and diamonds are the theme of the suite shown in the other photograph. The orange and black of the semi-precious stones are perfectly set off by the hot white glitter of the diamonds and the elegant 18 carat gold of the mountings. The delicious necklace (and I promise you, your wife needs a superb neck—I go no farther—to show it off to advantage) would set you back £10,950. The watch, with its face of diamonds, is £1,825 and the chunky ring (quite heavy enough to ward off those who might admire the neck too closely) costs £695.

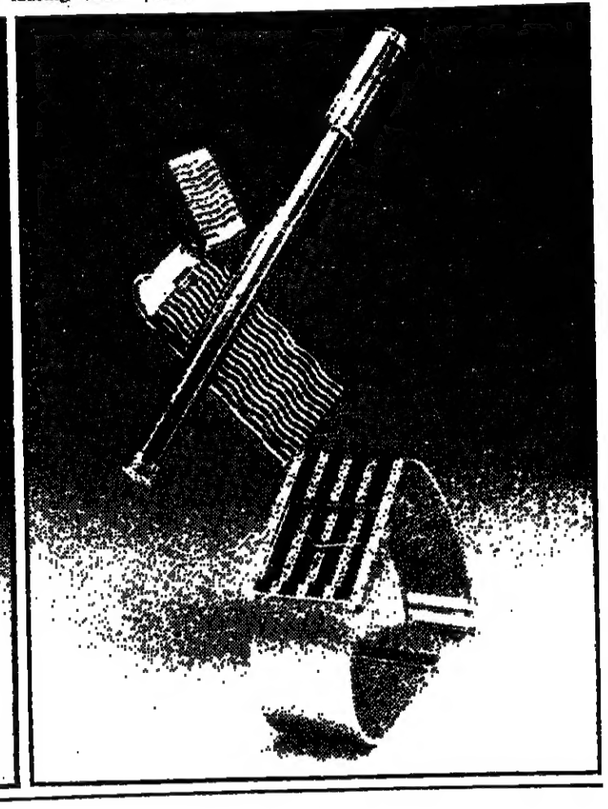
If I seem to be teasing about prices like these, it is only because I personally could not afford them. Lots of people can, and do; and with banks behaving the way they are at present there is a good deal to be said for wearing your money round your wrist or depositing it on your wife's bosom. Hundreds agree with me, because Jo Kutchinsky insists that business is booming and not just with foreigners who visit his showroom.

He is an amazingly unpretentious man who clearly knows his market and caters for it exquisitely. He chucks his schmutter around the room, throws a handful of diamonds into your lap and says: "Ever caught thirty grand?" Bellows of laughter (from him) and heavy perspiration (from me). Anxious looks from the security guards, for I am wearing my Bonny and Clyde gangster suit from C and A at Brixton.

What really irritates me is people being snide about men like Jo Kutchinsky. Every piece of Kutchinsky jewelry is made in London by the company exclusively for its customers. The art of the jeweller lives in the Kutchinsky Piccadilly workshops. It is a British industry and is doing wonders for the balance of payments I have no doubt.

If the product also happens to be beautiful and to give someone pleasure, then what is the harm? There is, after all, little enough to give one pleasure these days—certainly not political broadcasts on television. So my advice is, if you have the money then go and buy something from Kutchinsky. It could be an investment.

Photographs by Trevor Sutton



A mite too many

☐ Rentokil, the pest control people, suggest that if Women's Lib needs a symbol, it should adopt the Red Spider Mite. Now hold on, they said it—so please address angry letters not to me but to Rentokil Ltd., Felcourt, East Grinstead, Sussex, RH19 2JY.

Apparently it is the female mites, also known as Clover Mites and Gooseberry Mites (it gets worse and worse), that invade homes in the autumn driving themselves up the walls in their search for nooks and crannies to hibernate. Male Red Spider Mites are hardly ever found, I am told by an entomologist.

This year the female mites are making a nuisance of themselves in houses and other buildings by invading in large numbers. Although they do no actual harm to the fabric of buildings, they can and do stain walls and decorations.

There are two different species with different habits. *Bryobia* is dull red, moves slowly and feeds on plant sap; while *Balmustium* is bright red, runs quickly and erratically and feeds on pollen.

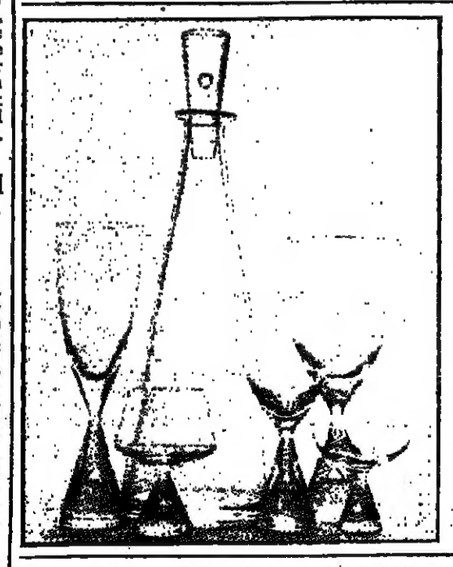
Rentokil suggest that you spray the affected walls and surfaces with their Insectrol aerosol and cut back lush vegetation round walls. For persistent infestations, you can call in their pest control service. Insectrol costs £1.20 for a 20 oz. aerosol can and is widely available.

If you really do not want to do the job yourself, or if you have any other insect or pest problems (no, not children who are bored with the holidays) you could contact the Rentokil Advice Centre, 16 Dover Street, London, W1X 4DJ (01-493 0061). Because of the hot weather, there are known to be plagues of wasps in many areas and the ant problem is worse this year than for a long time.

On the do-it-yourself front, CIBA-Geigy have come up with two products that are especially designed for controlling Indian summer pests. The Creepy Crawly Spray deals with ants, earwigs, cockroaches, silverfish and most household spiders.

Skirting boards and door jambs can be treated with the spray and a single treatment should last for about four weeks. Creepy Crawly Spray costs 39p for a small can.

Repel Tissues provide a quick, convenient and effective means of protecting exposed skin from wasps, midges and other flying nasties. The tissues have a formula which, it is claimed, will not upset people who may be allergic to most other insect treatments. A pack of 10 Repel Tissues retails at 29p.



☐ In my search for really good looking drinking glasses (and in due course I will write about English glass, because we still do in this country produce some excellent glass) I came across these glasses from Denmark.

They are from the Princess range by Holme Gaard of Copenhagen and are extremely attractive as well as being very drinkable from. The champagne glass on the extreme left costs £2.90. Not the cheapest glass, I know, but then not particularly expensive (bearing in mind the quality) for something so natural and pretty to hold.

Next comes a little brandy goblet (£2.45), then a claret glass (£2.90), a goblet (£3.50) and a liqueur glass (£1.95). The prices are inclusive of VAT and a list of stockists can be obtained from Danesco Ltd, Chelsea Manor Gardens, Kings Road, London, SW3 5PJ (01-351 1221). The decanter, by the way, is £15.10.

☐ The idea of antiques that are not antiques frankly appalled me until I visited Tomorrow's Antiques at 21A Cork Street, Old Bond Street, London W1X 1HB (01-734 2336). There I found traditionally made furniture and *objets de vertu* which displayed craftsmanship of a very high standard.

There seems to be a bias towards furniture, but there are also selected items of silver, bronzes, weapons and armour, many of them in limited editions. Most of the merchandise is made by craftsmen in small country workshops all round Britain.

Tapestries, however, come from France. There is a remarkable display of reproduction Aubusson tapestries, woven in the traditional manner and it was hard to believe that these were not antiques, until I looked at the price tags. '*Jeu d'Echecs*', for example, is reproduced from a fifteenth-century design and is in a limited edition of 250. Measuring 6' 1" by 4' 11", this tapestry costs £292.

Very eye-catching is a copy of a Georgian commode, apparently inspired by the furniture of Robert Adam and Chippendale, in satin wood, bow-fronted and inlaid. It was made by a West Country cabinet maker who, in about seven months, could make you a similar one for £3,500.

There is a handsome reproduction Queen Anne butler's chest in walnut which costs £476 and which contains a specially lined silver drawer. The piece is part of the collection sponsored by the Charleston Foundation.

The furniture is well worth looking at. Beautifully made and competitively priced, it thoroughly justifies a visit to Tomorrow's Antiques.

☐ It has been a hot, long summer, I know, and the owners of large families must be going crackers. There is plenty to do and see all round the country, but not all mothers have time to take large parties of children out to do adventurous things (or even go to the cinema). Tempers, on both sides, must be getting frayed by this stage of the school holidays.

So I commend to you Linedesign, a new game for eight-year-olds and older children, which is both fun and highly creative. They make coloured drawings with lots of felt tipped pens and fascinating designs on pre-printed cards mounted on a drawing board. There are no pots of paint (so it is not messy) and it certainly seems to be developing the concentration of one nine-year-old I know.

Linedesign Ltd, 127 Pollards Hill South, London, SW16 4LS (01-764 5789), is a small company with some terrific ideas for keeping youngsters sensibly occupied. If your local toyshop does not have the game in yet, then the office of Linedesign will be happy to supply directly or tell you where you can get it. Linedesign costs £1.50.

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Cricket

Sadiq Mohammad just makes his ground as Woo d breaks the wicket.

Lancashire win with three balls left

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
MANCHESTER: Lancashire beat Gloucestershire by three wickets.

For Gloucestershire their defeat at Old Trafford yesterday in the semi-final round of the Gillette Cup was just as agonizing, just as close, just as heroic as the one in 1971 when, also before a capacity crowd of almost 30,000 wildly cheering people, they lost by the smallest of margins.

Now, as then, Hughes and Simmons won the day for Lancashire, with three balls to spare, after their recognized batsmen had run into trouble. Needing 237 to win Lancashire looked like doing it comfortably at first. When Kennedy was out he had put on 70 with Wood for the first wicket and the innings was only in its twenty-second over. But Hayes never got going and then, at 103, Clive Lloyd hooked a long hop down long leg's throat. It would have been a six on most grounds.

From then on it was a desperate struggle, in which Gloucestershire suffered the cruel and crucial loss of Procter. Operated on earlier this season for a knee condition, Procter should not really be playing. But his heart and soul are with Gloucestershire. He had made a few useful runs and bowled six of the best overs of the match, at medium pace, when the old urge welled up inside him to bowl a bouncer. The extra effort crippled him. He hobbled off the field, with five of his overs unbowled, to watch, if he could, the climax.

Although he never did enough to keep Lancashire up with the clock one felt, so long as Wood was in, that he would probably see Lancashire through. In the forty-eighth over he hooked Shackleton to deep midwicket. That was 169 for five. From the last 10 overs Lancashire needed 57, with Engineer and Hughes together. Engineer went in the fifty-first over, leg-before to a full toss, which is where Hughes took over.

It was by savaging Mortimore that Hughes won the match for Lancashire four years ago. Now, with a six and a four off an over from Knight, he took Lancashire a great step nearer victory. By the time he was run out by Foat, Gloucestershire's brilliant substitute fielder, he left Simmons and his partners with 16 to get from the last two overs and three balls.

Simmons had his eye in, having come in in the 50th over. He had started by letting Hughes make the running. Now he took charge himself, hurling the bat and himself about, with Ratcliffe answering every call. When the last over started, bowled by Brown, five were needed. A two and a single by Simmons from the first two balls left Ratcliffe to make the winning runs, which he did with a straight drive for four. Lancashire's delight was poor Gloucestershire's despair.

As in the previous round against Leicestershire, when he scored 111, Sadiq had played an innings of the highest class for Gloucestershire. It won him Barrington's vote as the man of the match. For the first wicket Sadiq and Stovold added 105 in 27 overs, the foundation of what should have been a better total than Gloucestershire's 236. When the forty-sixth over started Gloucestershire still looked like making more than they did. They were 177 for three, with Sadiq (he scored 36 of the afternoon's first 40 runs) making good progress and Procter settling in.

By the end of the forty-sixth over, bowled by Lloyd, the score was 179 for five, with Procter and Sadiq both gone. Procter overbalanced on the forward stroke, let down by that knee of his; Sadiq, on the drive, was caught in the covers. Sadiq had been hoping for a while; not badly enough, though, to stop him playing some fine strokes.

Across an outfield that was slow and emerald green Sadiq hit 16 fours. But he lacked support. Apart from Stovold, only Shepherd and Procter reached double figures. Knight failed to find his touch; Zaheer, before he got the pace of the pitch, was caught and bowled for nought; and when Hignell was leg-before, Gloucestershire were 180 for six and suddenly down in the dumps.

It was left to Shepherd to see that their full quota of overs was used up and that Lancashire would have to score at virtually four an over to win. Shepherd lost Brown at 206, marvellously run out by Lloyd off his own bowling, but Graveney held on and Shepherd made some good meaty hits, including a drive for six off the first ball of the last over, in which Gloucestershire's last three wickets fell.

Having chosen to field, Lancashire must have had a nasty shock when Gloucestershire started so well. A half chance in the slips from Stovold, in Lever's first over, went astray, after which Lever and Lee were quite easily withstood. It was that over of Lloyd's which turned the match, bowled at a gentle place but to a steady length. As captain, fielder and bowler, Lloyd did his stuff: when, as a batsman, he had one of his rare failures a close finish was always likely.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Sadiq Mohammad, c Hughes, b Lloyd	122
*A. W. Stovold, l-b-w, b Wood	55
B. D. V. Knight, c Lloyd, b Lee	2
Zaheer Abbas, c and b Wood	0
M. J. Procter, st Engineer, b Lloyd	7
D. R. Shepherd, c Lee, b Ratcliffe	15
A. J. Hignell, l-b-w, b Lever	45
†A. S. Brown, run out	0
D. A. Graveney, b Ratcliffe	4
J. N. Shackleton, not out	8
J. Davey, run out	0
Extras (l-b 7, n-b 3)	10
Total (60 overs)	236

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—105, 2—126, 3—126, 4—173, 5—179, 6—180, 7—206, 8—236, 9—236, 10—236.

BOWLING: Lever, 12—1—46—1; Lee, 12—2—42—1; Ratcliffe, 12—1—39—2; Wood, 12—2—36—2; Simmons, 8—0—6—0; Lloyd, 8—1—41—4.

LANCASHIRE

B. Wood, c Hignell, b Shackleton	53
A. Kennedy, c and b Knight	31
*C. H. Lloyd, c sub, b Knight	1
B. W. Reidy, c Stovold, b Knight	18
†F. M. Engineer, l-b-w, b Brown	27
D. P. Hughes, run out	27
J. Simmons, not out	23
R. M. Ratcliffe, not out	21
Extras (b 2, l-b 19)	21
Total (7 wkts 59.3 overs)	237

P. Lever, P. Lee did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—70, 2—99, 3—103, 4—134, 5—169, 6—182, 7—201.

BOWLING: Davey, 12—1—46—0; Shackleton, 12—2—44—1; Graveney, 7—2—18—0; Brown, 11—2—35—2; Procter, 7—1—36—0; Knight, 10—0—48—3.

Umpires: W. E. Alley and T. W. Spencer.

Little comfort in Middlesex's win

By Alan Gibson
CHESTERFIELD: Middlesex beat Derbyshire by 23 runs.

There were several periods during this match when it seemed possible that Derbyshire were going to cause a surprise. Indeed, they had a chance until the last ball was bowled, for they had four overs left and Venkataraghavan was still in. But it turned out to be Middlesex who go on to Lord's for their second final of the season. The manner of their going was not especially convincing. All day they were pressed too closely for comfort.

Chesterfield, as I have observed before, is a pretty ground, and looked at its best yesterday with the sun shining most of the time and as many people as could hope to find a view of the game crowded in. There was a Cockney twang here and there, but Derbyshire's supporters were naturally in the majority. Though their confidence in the morning was perhaps less real than assumed, they found much to encourage it as the day went on.

Middlesex were all out for 207, less than they must have hoped when they won the toss. Play began 20 minutes late because the ground was damp after rain, but thereafter continued without interruptions. The pitch was slow and did not do much for any kind of bowler. Hendrick was the most successful for Derbyshire, banging the ball in rather than attempting any subtlety. Swarbrook was knocked around regularly but took three important wickets.

Middlesex were 29 for two after 12 overs but 100 for two in 28. This was principally Featherstone's doing, with Brearley playing appropriately in support. Featherstone hit the ball with great power. When his eye is in, he looks as good a striker as any. From 141 for three, Middlesex ought to have scored more than they did.

Headley, formerly of Worcestershire, and Sharpe, formerly of Yorkshire, began for Derbyshire with Bolus, formerly of Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire, to follow. If they did not print score cards, one would not know which county one was watching nowadays. Headley played an innings to rival Featherstone's. At tea Derbyshire were 75 for no wicket, ahead on the comparative race.

Headley was out soon afterwards. Two more wickets fell in the 120s, but with 18 overs left, Derbyshire only needed 80 runs. Sharpe was still there, having survived not only some testing bowling but some testing booing from his adopted crowd, who did not think that he had been scoring quickly enough in the early stages of his innings.

When Sharpe was caught and bowled, a fine diving catch by Edmonds, at 142 for four in the 49th over, there were still those who thought it all the better for Derbyshire's chances, but I doubt if they included the Middlesex team. No one thereafter had sufficient authority. Titmus and Edmonds both completed effective spells. A couple of good catches and a run out and it was 162 for seven. More importantly, Derbyshire needed 46 with less than seven overs left.

The last phase of play became hysterical. Middlesex gave away an absurd overthrow and Derbyshire seemed to have forgotten reason in their calculations, if any, of runs and overs. Ward raised their spirits with a six but was immediately bowled by a slower ball. The bowler was Lamb, who kept his head amid the excitement. Derbyshire died swishing when they still had sufficient time for a nudge or two between the bangs. Cyril Washbrook gave Featherstone the award for the man of the match.

MIDDLESEX

M. J. Smith, c Sharpe, b Hendrick	10
*J. M. Brearley, c and b Swarbrook	37
C. T. Radley, c Taylor, b Venkataraghavan	10
N. G. Featherstone, c Bolus, b Swarbrook	70
H. A. Gomes, b Russell	13
G. D. Barlow, c Cartwright, b Swarbrook	14
J. T. Murray, b Hendrick	15
P. H. Edmonds, c Headley, b Hendrick	11
F. J. Titmus, c Swarbrook, b Hendrick	10
T. W. Lamb, run out	3
M. W. W. Selvey, not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 7, w 1, n-b 5)	14
Total (58.4 overs)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—16, 2—29, 3—114, 4—141, 5—156, 6—168, 7—181, 8—201, 9—207, 10—207.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 11.5—1—46—4; Ward, 11—1—32—0; Russell, 12—2—30—1; Venkataraghavan, 12—2—42—1; Swarbrook, 12—3—52—3.

DERBYSHIRE

R. G. A. Headley, b Gomes	58
P. J. Sharpe, c and b Edmonds	56
J. H. Bolus, c Barlow, b Titmus	18
A. H. T. Harrington, c Titmus, b Edmonds	0
H. Cartwright, c Titmus, b Selvey	12
P. W. Swarbrook, run out	4
*R. W. Taylor, c Murray, b Gomes	6
B. Venkataraghavan, not out	14
P. E. Russell, run out	1
A. Ward, b Lamb	1
M. Hendrick, b Selvey	1
Extras (l-b 6, w 1, n-b 1)	8
Total (56.1 overs)	183

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—91, 2—126, 3—128, 4—142, 5—152, 6—155, 7—166, 8—176, 9—182, 10—183.

BOWLING: Selvey, 10.1—2—32—2; Lamb, 10—2—26—1; Gomes, 12—1—48—3; Edmonds, 12—2—39—2; Titmus, 12—0—30—1.

Umpires: D. J. Constant and K. E. Palmer.

Oval Test tickets going well

With a week to go to the fourth and final Test between England and Australia at the Oval, advance takings are well up to average, at £30,000. Only £1.50 tickets remain for the Saturday.

About 5,000 spectators will be able to pay at the turnstiles each day and there will be no advance bookings for the sixth day.

Takings for the Oval when the Australians were last in England, in 1972, amounted to £75,000.

Receipts for the first three games of the current series totalled around £217,000.

Minor Counties

POOLE: Cornwall, 216 for 8 dec and 143 for 7 (E. Willcock 71); Dorset 174 for 9 dec. Match drawn.
FARNTON: Devon, 187 for 8 (R. Evans 5 for 61); Oxfordshire, 154 for 6 (P. Goodyear not out 100).
HITCHIN: Hertfordshire, 248 for 6 dec (W. Osman 52, F. Collyer 52 not out, C. Dickson 4 for 65); Bedfordshire 101 for 5 (T. Machin 37).
FELIXSTOWE: Norfolk, 179 for 6 dec (R. W. Ormiston 78; C. Rutherford 5 for 47); Suffolk 119 for 6.

Three matches to be sponsored

The Prudential Assurance Company will again sponsor three one-day international matches between England and West Indies next season. These games have become a feature at the end of tours since 1972, when the trophy was won by England, who beat Australia by two matches to one.

Next summer's games will be played on August 26, 28 and 30 at Scarborough. Lord's and Edgbaston. Scarborough has not been used previously. Each match will again be 55 overs an innings and there will be prizes for winning each match and awards for the outstanding individual performance in each fixture as well as the series as a whole.

Second XI competition

BARNSLEY: Yorkshire II, 354 for 4 dec (P. J. Squires 127 not out, C. W. J. Athey 80, A. Sidebottom 71, G. Johnson 54); Warwickshire II, 42 for 1.
HOVE: Sussex II, 303 for 8 dec (P. Kirsten 59, A. R. Butcher 4 for 84); Surrey II, 24 for 1.

Hull pitch struck off fixture list

Yorkshire's scheduled fixture list for 1976 issued yesterday shows that the Hull ground, where the county have played regularly throughout this century, has been struck off because of the state of the pitch. It has been banned by the Test and County Cricket Board pitches committee after the John Player league match at Hull on June 1 when Yorkshire defeated Leicestershire by 13 runs.

According to a statement made by the Yorkshire secretary, Mr Lister, the pitch on that occasion was placed in the lowest category by the two captains and both umpires, who are required to assess marks on all pitches at all matches.

Today's cricket

SECOND XI COMPETITION
HOVE: Sussex II v Surrey II.
BARNSLEY: Yorkshire II v Warwickshire II.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire II v Glamorgan II.
MINOR COUNTIES
HITCHIN: Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire.
FELIXSTOWE: Suffolk v Norfolk.
TORQUAY: Devon v Somerset II.
WEYMOUTH: Dorset v Oxfordshire.

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evie expects Francis to lead by example

ffrey Green
Correspondent

ngland party of 18 players S Switzerland in Basle on ter 3 was announced yes- co The occasion is a non- if e match—a "friendly", eq hing exists these days— pra portant to both sides as the ns and pipe openers for the tests to come later in the n for the European cha p.

So gland, with two wins agains rus, a home victory over slovakia and a goal- rugal, less d Wembley with Por- points roup one with seven goal dif eight and a healthy ber 29 t of 9—0. On October in Brati e the Czechoslovaks qualifying and complete their in Lisbon e against Portugal political s n permitting). The November 19 (the Swiss are n of group six in a close-run with the Republic of Ireland viet Union and Turkey. Th not yet out of the hunt for a place in the quarter-final round.

All told there is a familiar ring about the English group chosen by Don Revie. It is largely a case of carrying on from where they left off last season when the new national manager was able to look back on a beginning which brought five wins and three draws in eight games with 18 goals against three, ending with an encouraging 5—1 triumph over the Scots at Wembley, where goalkeeping errors helped to inflate the English ego.

Now, however, there are a couple of new points to note. The most significant is the departure of the former captain, Alan Ball, who led the side in their last six games—he is at present on the transfer list at Highbury and out of the Arsenal side—and his replacement as leader is Gerry Francis, of Queen's Park Rangers. Also there is the return of McFarland, the Derby County centre half, to the lists after a long absence through injury. He will be challenging Watson, his successor, now at Manchester City, for his old place.

The original choice of Ball as captain was always regarded as a stopgap until some unspecified date. His appointment in the first place aroused much controversy at a moment when he was facing disciplinary action for being sent off the field when with Arsenal—not for the first time.

Now the moment of change has come and Mr Revie's hand has been forced by events at Highbury. The manager, however, has gone about things in a civilized way by writing to thank Ball for all his support in the past and adding that should he need him for any particular occasion in the future he will not hesitate to call upon him again. The door has not been slammed rudely in his face.

Though some had thought that Bell might become the new leader it has now been made clear that the appointment of Francis is to cover the whole season, a sensible approach which should act to the players' confidence. There is nothing worse for everybody concerned than constant chopping and changing, especially with the next World Cup qualifying competition due next season.

Francis, 23, who played his first match for Queen's Park Rangers against Liverpool in 1969 at the age of 16, has, according to Mr Revie, had a "good grounding. possesses the right character and is able to lift a side by example". Certainly he had an outstanding match against Scotland last May which inspired the whole England team.

If there is a personal grouse about this party it is the omission from its ranks of Hudson, the Stoke City midfield creator, one of the most talented players in the country on his day. At any rate it is comforting to know that he and others like Brooking (West Ham United) and Johnson (Ipswich Town) stand in the wings ready, should things go wrong, as men like these that England need to spark imagination in central powerhouse if they get anywhere in the world.

England party

R. Clemence (Liverpool)
P. Shilton (Stoke City)
P. Madeley (Leeds United)
S. Whitworth (Leicester C
R. McFarland (Derby Coun
D. Watson (Manchester C
C. Todd (Derby County)
K. Beattie (Ipswich Town
C. Bell (Manchester City)
A. Currie (Sheffield Unite
G. Francis (Queen's Park
A. Towers (Sunderland)
M. Channon (Southampton
D. Johnson (Ipswich Town
K. Keegan (Liverpool)
M. Macdonald (Newcastle U
D. Thomas (Queen's Park
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Own goals bring some some vital points

Own goals brought vital points in three of last night's first division games. Manchester City snatched a home draw with Leicester City when Birchenall put through his own goal in injury time at Maine Road. Leicester, without five first team men, had gone ahead with an 84th minute goal by Lee.

Norwich gained their six point since winning promotion when Madeley, of Leeds, deflected Suggett's shot in the 50th minute at Carrow Road. The goal put Norwich ahead, but Cherry equalized 20 minutes later.

There were two own goals in Newcastle's 1—1 home draw with north-west neighbours, Middlesbrough. After seven minutes Gowling deflected Cooper's cross into the Newcastle net, and Newcastle's eightieth equalizer came when Carrigan turned in Malcolm Macdonald's shot.

Wolves were twice ahead at Stoke, through Carr and Richards, but Stoke earned a point with goals by Bowers and Conroy (penalty).

Cantello, West Bromwich Albion's England Under-23 international, was sent off after 16 minutes of the goalless home draw with Chelsea. Referee Glasson ordered Cantello off after an incident with Garner.

FA Cup finalists Fulham attracted only 7,443 to Craven Cottage to see them beat relegated Carlisle 3—0.

The Lincoln City striker, Ward, scored four goals in the 4—1 League Cup win over Chesterfield at Sincil Bank. His goals came in the 25th, 54th 66th and 71st minutes.

England, the former Wales and Tottenham defender, made his debut for third division Cardiff City, who went down 2-1 at home to Bristol Rovers.

Fourth division Bradford City [illegible] from York by [illegible] up a 2-0 lead in their first leg tie.

McDonald scored twice in Mansfield Town's 4-0 home win over Scunthorpe and Southport's Gough scored two in the 3-1 victory at home to Stockport.

Aldershot's Walker missed a penalty in the 1-1 draw against Portsmouth and Reading's Friday also wasted a spot-kick as his side went down 1-0 at home to Gillingham.

McLintock doubtful

Frank McLintock is "very doubtful" for Saturday's match at Derby after limping off with a twisted ankle during the second half of Queen's Park Rangers' 1-1 draw with Aston Villa on Tuesday. Webb, the only other experienced central defender has been ordered by a specialist to rest his damaged achilles tendon for two weeks.

Dalglish staying

Celtic's Scottish international, Kenny Dalglish, is staying with the club. After a meeting with the player, Celtic's chairman, Desmond White, said: "Dalglish has indicated he is completely happy with us and we expect him to play out his career here". Dalglish has been given a new contract.

Buenos Aires, Aug 19.—Argentina's World Cup trainer, Cesar Luis Menotti, was today back at his job after withdrawing his resignation because of an argument about the availability of players for the national side, football officials said.

The 37-year-old trainer offered his resignation to the Argentine Football Association (AFA) on August 8 after players refused to join the national party because of professional club commitments. The depleted Argentina team was beaten 1—0 by Brazil on Saturday and knocked out of the 1975 South American Cup.

Ipswich Town's Allan Hunter gets the better of Chivers at White Hart Lane last night.

Spurs show fresh spirit after playing in clichés

By Geoffrey Green

Tottenham Hotspur 1 Ipswich Town 1

The season is hardly a week old yet and already events that ought to have happened have—not happy memories for many. Among all revival of the London clubs, scarcely expected. Already Arsenal, Queens Park Rangers and West Ham United have taken three points from their opening two matches. Last night it was the turn of Tottenham Hotspur to join this Metropolitan momentum with a draw at White Hart Lane against Ipswich Town, following their defeat last Saturday of Middlesborough.

On paper, Tottenham could not have been better treated before the kick-off. They discovered that they were facing an East Anglian attack lacking Johnson, England's new centreforward and Whymark, two absent and dangerous fangs. Sivell, too, was missing in goal, nor was there the lively Woods to throw into the Ipswich ranks as so often done last season. A year ago Ipswich were in sight of the FA Cup and League and now they will be playing in Europe for the third successive year in the Uefa Cup. Thus, on paper, Spurs can be pleased with their start against two of the leading sides of a year ago.

Yet all that glisters is not gold, and for at least two-thirds of the match there was about Tottenham something of a dank odour of a season ago which saw them scrape away from the trapdoor of relegation. When Ipswich took the lead seven minutes after the interval when a 30-yard shot by Viljoen, a bow at venture, curled home over Jennings's head following a deflection from a Tottenham player, it looked as if all Tottenham's old troubles were to start again.

But out of apparent defeat staring them in the face came a sudden twist in their fortunes through an astute move by Terry Neil, their manager. With 25 minutes left, he switched the whole emphasis onto attack, bringing on Duncan at centre forward as a substitute for Naylor, the right full back. Spurs, indeed, now switched to 3-3-4. In a price the ploy paid off.

With just over a quarter of an hour left they forced a free kick on the right. McNab stabbed the ball to Neighbour, over came the cross from right to left and there was Duncan, the new man, to rise above the crowd to head home the equalizer. Spurs, at least, spirit and pressed Ipswich hard for the winner. Yet even at the end, with three minutes left, there came a strange event.

At one end Osborne, hunting a ball and apparently offside, pushed the ball past the advancing Jennings. That seemed to be an Ipswich victory. Suddenly, the linesman at the far end of the ground was seen to be flagging. The Tottenham players drew the referee's attention to the semaphore and, after a brief conference, the decision was annulled. Instead of Tottenham finding themselves 1—2 down, they were instead granted a free kick far away at the edge of the Ipswich penalty area. On that note the night ended.

Ipswich, with Talbot and Viljoen hunting shrewdly in midfield and Hamilton and Lambert showing pace down the flanks, provided the greater cohesion. But they missed the central penetration of Johnson and Whymark and one could see by the expression on Robson, their manager's face, that his side was not producing what he wanted. But it will come.

As for Tottenham, they seemed to play in cliches for a long time until their lively finish. It was too much dot and carry one, too much close doodling, and little originality apart from the new man, McNab, a frail figure in the mould of Tommy Harmer of old. He has footwork and he is an entertainer. But he will have to learn to play with others. He and the missing Conn—at present under suspension—in time could provide the spark that Tottenham clearly need in midfield. There it ended. There was nothing new about it all. It was like seeing a newsreel again and again for the umpteenth time.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: P. Jennings; T. Naylor (sub J. Duncan), C. Knowles; J. Pratt, K. Osgood, D. McAllister, N. McNab, S. Perryman, M. Chivers, G. Jones, J. Neighbour.
IPSWICH TOWN: P. Cooper; G. Burley, M. Mills, B. Talbot, A. Hunter, K. Beattie, R. Hamilton, C. Viljoen, T. Austin, R. Osborne, M. Lambert.
Referee: T. D. Spencer (Wiltshire).

One sting is foretaste of forthcoming trials

By Norman Fox

Norwich City 1 Leeds United 1

Norwich City, again trying to find a permanent home in the first division, have begun the season by using the rushing, bustling tactics of their past. After two matches there is nothing to suggest that such enthusiasm will bring them any more lasting security than in the past. Outrunning Leeds United at Carrow Road last night, scoring first—admittedly through an own goal by Madeley—but finishing with only one point, victims of a single sting from Leeds, was probably a foretaste of forthcoming trials.

To have lost 3—0 at Manchester City in their first game on Saturday must have made Norwich feel unsettled from the beginning. By all accounts, they did not deserve to lose by such a margin, but the prospect of facing Leeds immediately afterwards was a test of their mental durability, especially as they could not include the suspended Boyer, who was so important to their promotion efforts last season. They could not have expected Leeds to offer them a first half that contained nothing as exciting as the afternoon's scenes at the docks where some Leeds supporters went swimming with scarves for barking trunks.

Leeds were far less daring than their followers. For 30 minutes they created an unsightly muddle: Bremner and McQueen untidily out of touch, Clark disliking the collisions enforced on him, and McKenzie left out of everything as if he had some dangerous infection.

Only Frank Gray maintained the standard of football one would expect from European C[illegible]ists. The rest allowed the [illegible]verance of Norwich to [illegible] them from what should be a superior level based [illegible] experience. If the [illegible]vitality of Norwich, who changed a great deal [illegible] were last in the first div[illegible] disrupt Leeds, one [illegible] that Jimmy Armfield will face a gradual rebuilding [illegible] Elland Road.

The instinctive counter [illegible] the Leeds team was inevitable. It allowed [illegible] finish without too [illegible] embarrassment after [illegible] through a first half [illegible] Norwich were determined [illegible] Leeds gave away their [illegible] after 30 minutes when Madeley [illegible] persistent but not alert [illegible] enough to see the chance [illegible] by Peters, intercepted a [illegible] Suggett and turned [illegible] against Madeley, who [illegible] past his own goalkeeper.

The only example of Leeds of old reputation [illegible] reaction to their [illegible] immediately they began [illegible] their passes more [illegible] McKenzie was, at last [illegible] affairs. In the 66th minute [illegible] scored a goal that was [illegible] memorable [illegible] evening. Gray, on the [illegible] hard into the penalty [illegible] ball bounced off Bremner [illegible] and rolled out to Clarke [illegible] yards from goal, and [illegible] able shot was unstoppable.

Norwich City: [illegible]
Leeds United: D. Harvey; P. Gray, N. Madeley, P. Cherry, D. Queen, J. Giles, P. Lorimer, E. Clarke, B. McKenzie, I. Madeley.
Referee: J. Yates (Bolton).

Buchan walks right back into the Scotland team

Martin Buchan, the Manchester United player who walked out on Scotland before the home championship match with England at Wembley in May, is back in the Scotland party. Buchan was included among 18 players by the manager, William Ormond, for the European championship match with Denmark in Copenhagen on September 3.

Buchan walked out on Mr Ormond after being told that he would only be acting as substitute for the England game. He was immediately dropped for the European championship game in Bucharest against Romania seven days later.

At the time Buchan, who had been injured while gaining his sixteenth cap against Portugal in May, came in for heavy criticism from Mr Ormond and the Scottish FA president, Rankin Grimshaw.

Missing from the line-up are MacDougall, Munro and Macari, but the Leeds trio of Harvey, Bremner and Lorimer rejoin their Leeds colleague, McQueen, in the party.

The first three missed the Romania match because they were involved in the European Cup final against Bayern Munich in Paris just four days earlier. Scotland could only draw 1—1 in Romania with McQueen—allowed to play because he was under European competition suspension—the Scottish scorer in the eighty-ninth minute.

But the result left Scotland with only two points from three games and with little hope of qualifying for the final stages of the competition.

The under-23 party to mark under-23s, at Fredon September 2, retain Hotspur's Conn, who opening two games of because of suspension. also includes the goals the 2—1 win over the under-23 side at the sta Young and Pettigrew.

SENIOR TEAM: [illegible] (Sheffield United), [illegible] (Leeds United), M. Buchanan (Manchester United), W. [illegible] (Leeds United), K. Dalglish, A. Duncan (Hibernian), [illegible] Forsyth (Manchester [illegible]), Harper (Hibernian), T. [illegible] (Coventry City), A. Jarvie [illegible] (Rangers), C. Jackson (Rangers), [illegible] Lorimer (Leeds United), [illegible] (Aberdeen), D. McDougall, G. McQueen (Leeds United), D. Parlane (Rangers), [illegible] (Derby County), R. [illegible] (Dundee).

UNDER-23 TEAM: [illegible]liams (Airdrieonians), [illegible] (Partick Thistle), D. [illegible] (Hibernian), A. Conn [illegible] (Hotspur), T. Craig [illegible] (United), A. Graham [illegible], A. Gray (Dundee United), A. Hartley (Leeds United), A. Hartley (Partick Thistle), R. Houston (Partick Thistle), S. Houston ([illegible] United), P. McCluskey [illegible], J. Narey (Dundee United), [illegible]son (Everton), W. [illegible] (Motherwell), G. Smith [illegible] (Motherwell), G. Smith (St J[illegible]nock), W. Young (Aberdeen).

Bonetti likely to return to Chelsea

Peter Bonetti, the former England goalkeeper, may return to Chelsea, and is to have talks with the manager Eddie McCreadie. Bonetti has been playing for St Louis in the United States for the past four months, since being given a free transfer by Chelsea at the end of last season.

Bonetti flew into Heathrow yesterday and said: "I honestly can't say at the moment whether I shall be returning to Chelsea. Eddie McCreadie asked me to contact him as soon as I returned. I'll be having talks with him about the possibility of rejoining Chelsea."

Chelsea have a desperate goalkeeping problem. John Phillips, the Welsh international, broke an ankle in pre-season training and the second choice, Steve Sherwood, damaged his back in training on Monday.

The Arsenal defender Sammy Nelson, dismissed during the game with Sheffield United on Monday night, was the first victim of the new 10 penalty point sending-off. That means he is not suspended for Arsenal's next match at home to Stoke on Saturday. The Arsenal manager, Bertie Mees, said today: "Nelson was sent off for two bookable offences and he does not get a suspension."

Under the new disciplinary code there are two types of sending off. The first carries a penalty of 12 points and a one match suspension for serious offences such as violent conduct and using foul and abusive language. The second is for persistent but less serious misconduct after having been cautioned.

Manchester United, who have kicked off with away wins at Wolverhampton and Birmingham, without conceding a goal, have four senior men under treatment for injury.

Arsenal yesterday signed Crewe's second-string goalkeeper Brian Parker for a fee around £35,000. Parker, 19, joined Crewe three years ago as an apprentice professional and has made 20 first team appearances.

Last night's results and scorers

First division

Manchstr C (0) 1 Birchenall (og) (28,357)		Leicester (0) 1 Lee	
Newcastle (0) 1 Craggs (og) (41,481)		Middlesbrgh (1) 1 Gowling (og)	
Norwich (0) 1 Madeley (og) (25,586)		Leeds (0) 1 Cherry	
Stoke (0) 2 Bowers, Conroy (pen) (22,551)		Wolves (1) 2 Carr, Richards	
Tottenham (0) 1 Duncan (28,511)		Ipswich (0) 1 Viljoen	

Second division

Fulham (1) 3 Conway, Barrett, Slough		Carlisle (0) 0 (7,443)	
Oxford U (2) 2 D. Clarke, Gibbins		Bolton (0) 0 (8,277)	
West Brom (0) 0 (18,014)		Chelsea (0) 0	

League Cup

First round, first leg

Aldershot (1) 1 Warnock (5,974)		Portsmouth (1) 1 Graham (3,190)	
Bradford C (0) 2 Cooper, Johnson		York (0) 0 (3,100)	
Cardiff (1) 1 Royce (15,686)		Bristol R (1) 2 Warboys, Bannister	
Crewe (1) 2 Nelson, Nicholls		Tranmere (0) 1 Moore (1,747)	
Lincoln (1) 4 Ward (4) (4,162)		Chesterfield (1) 2 Cooper (og), Darling	
Mansfield (1) 4 McDonald (2), Laverick, Bird		Scunthorpe (0) 0 (6,810)	
Reading (0) 0 (4,526)		Gillingham (0) 1 Allayne (og)	
Southend (2) 2 Sylvester, Little		Peterboro (0) 0 (4,554)	
Southport (2) 3 Gough (2), Snookes		Stockport (1) 1 Lester (1,501)	
Wrexham (1) 3 Dwyer (2), Lyons		Chester (0) 0 (2,267)	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Albion R (0) 0, Stenhousemuir (1) 1; Arbroath (2) 3, East Stirling (1) 1; Berwick (0) 0, Clydebank (0) 1; Celtic (2) 3, Hearts (0) 1; Dumbarton (0) 0, Aberdeen (0) 1; Dundee U (0) 1, Partick (1) 2; Dunfermline (0) 1, Dundee (0) 1; Falkirk (1) 2, Stirling A (0) 1; Hibernian (1) 2, Ayr (0) 1; Kilmarnock (0) 1, St Johnstone (0) 0; Motherwell (1) 2, Airdrie (0) 0; Queen of South (0) 0, Hamilton (2) 3; Raith (0) 0, East Fife (1) 2; Rangers (2) 6, Clyde (0) 0; St Mirren (0) 1, Montrose (0) 2; Stranraer (0) 2, Morton (1) 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Yeovil 4, Stourbridge 0. First division: North: Barry 0, Gloucester 2, Bury Town 3, Corby 2; Cheltenham 3, Merthyr Tydfil 0; Enderby 1, King's Lynn 1; Oswestry 2, Worcester 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: South Liverpool 0, Stafford Rangers 1; Worksop 0, Altrincham 0.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Lewes 2, Epsom 2; Worthing 3, Redhill 0; Molesey 1, Oxbridge 0.

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: thought that we have yet : an exceptional two-year-old ngland this season has per- been responsible for the st turnout for the Gimcrack s for many years. One has st the mind back to 1939 to the last occasion that this ux race, which was first run 46 and is now sponsored by ford and Gilbey, attracted as as 14 runners.

th this number there must be od chance that the race will o a few loose ends and help arify the two-year-old picture whole. My feeling is that Gal- Bay will win it by beating r Cavalier and there is a e-work of intricate reasoning supports this view. For a start ay Bay is unbeaten. When he the Coventry Stakes at Royal : he beat Super Cavalier by engths and Super Cavalier has both the July Stakes at New- et and the National Stakes at own Park since then.

vin Hunter, who trains Super lier, is more than just hope- hat his colt will best Galway this time. But Galway Bay is eptive character, who is prone do no more than the num needed to win. He is not g colt, but he probably has cient scope and ability and right temperament to rise to occasion again.

hen he won the National s, Super Cavalier beat Early : by a length and a half. Early n then ran at Goodwood in the mond Stakes in which he ed fourth, in spite of appear- not to be concentrating. It is esting now to see that both Dawn and Donald Young, finished just in front of him Goodwood, will be wearing ers for the first time. It was Dawn who bumped Donald g so badly soon after the of the Richmond Stakes and made life difficult for him

and to Reason who won the mond Stakes by beating Patris, ld Young, Early Dawn, ving Demon and Hittite Glory, unners today, had been beaten ort head by Music Boy in the isor Castle Stakes at Royal e earlier in the season. He receiving 7lb that day from c Boy, who is generally ght to be the best of the two- olds in the north this year.

But Stand to Reason was closing on him fast in the Windsor Castle Stakes and whereas Music Boy is in his element when he is racing over only five furlongs, Stand to Reason needs further, a point that he underlined so effectively at Goodwood. Woodsome, Amun Ra, Delta Song, Noble Gunner and Pigsticker are the only other runners and Woodsome is the only filly in the field. She has won twice at York already.

Amun Ra was put in his place by Sweet Nightingale at Newcastle, having won his two previous races. Delta Song and Pigsticker both ran well at Goodwood, where Delta Song won the Foxhall Stakes and Pigsticker was runner-up to Riboboy in the Lanson Champagne Stakes. Useful colts that they undoubtedly are, neither should be a match for Galway Bay and Super Cavalier.

English sprinters have plundered the coffers in France time and time again in recent years, but 1975 has seen a reversal of the trend with French sprinters winning two of our most coveted sprints, the Kings Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot and the July Cup at Newmarket. And today may see that trend continued a stage further, because Sky Commander has been flown to York from Chantilly with more than just a remote chance of winning the Nunthorpe Stakes. If he does succeed few here will begrudge him victory, because he is trained by a Yorkshireman, Charles Millbank, whose family have lived in Yorkshire for years and still do.

Sky Commander won the Prix Robert Papin and two other races as a two-year-old before he developed a wind infirmity. He underwent the hobday operation in the early part of the winter and that delayed the start of his three-year-old career. But he has won a fiercely competitive sprint, the Prix Maurice de Gheest at Deauville recently, and he also ran well there against Llanga in the Prix Jacques le Marois over a distance that was too far for him.

When I was in Deauville last weekend I detected a mood of confidence behind Sky Commander's latest mission, provided that the rain stays away. So all eyes will be on the weather. Bay Express will be meeting Auction Ring and Hot Spark on such notably better terms than when he was just beaten by them in the King George Stakes at Goodwood.

But, Hot Spark at York ought to be a totally different proposition to Hot Spark at Goodwood where he became so completely unbalanced running down the hill that he was still last when there was only a furlong left. In the circumstances he did well to finish as close as he did. He could turn out to be Sky Commander's most dangerous opponent this time. Roman Warrior, who finished fourth in the July Cup at Newmarket, and Harem, who has improved with every race this season, could be the pick of the other runners.

Alacriter beaten only once in five starts—by Pasty—is my selection for the Prince of Wales Stakes. Musicville, fourth in the Irish Oaks is preferred to Curtains and Foiled Again for the Galtres Stakes, which is confined to fillies who have neither won a race value £1,750 nor been placed second or third in the English or Irish classics.

Those who pin their faith on the formbook will not be slow to point out that Rodado looks leniently treated in the Melrose Handicap. He has beaten Kung-Fu and Gurney Slade already and he appears to have the beating of Vincent O'Brien's runner, Sir Daniel, on a line through Grinling Gibbons. Rodado looked a really dour stayer and the right sort for this sort of race when he won the Morland Brewery Tropher at Newbury in July.

Kenneth White went to the top of the new jump jockeys' table with six winners, one more than John Francome, when he partnered Kippie Lad to a smooth success in the Mousetrap Challenge Cup at Devon and Exeter.

Jumping ahead four fences from home, Kippie Lad beat the top weight, Sandwilian, by two lengths. Taman ran a good fourth considering that his young partner, Sandy May, jumped the last five fences without irons, but the well fancied Sadale VI did not get far, crashing at the fifth fence.

Kippie Lad was maintaining the great start for the Wells trainer, Ian Wardle, in his first full season. The former travelling head lad to Tom Jones Wardle has saddled six runners this month recording four winners a third and a fourth. He has only had Kippie Lad since June and the seven-year-old has won from both his starts.

STATE OF GOING (official): Brighton: Good. York: Good to firm. Devon and Exeter: Firm. Newmarket: Bumbury Mile, good. Beacon Course (one mile and upwards), good to firm. Goodwood: Good to soft.

Dakota has the right idea on the big day

By Michael Seely

Dakota put up a superb weight-carrying performance to win the Ebor Handicap at York yesterday afternoon. The 9st 4lb shouldered by Guy Reed's handsome black colt was the heaviest burden carried to victory in this famous handicap since that great mare, Gladness, defied 9st 7lb in 1958.

This success gave Sam Hall his third victory in the Ebor, the Middleham trainer having previously taken the race in 1949 with Miraculous Atom and again in 1957 with Morecambe. This mile and threequarter handicap is always one of the best races of the year to watch and yesterday's running proved no exception. Carolus and Doonside made the early running from a group which included Meadow Moss, Kinglet and Ribellaro.

Soon after turning for home, Dakota and Our Nicolas moved up to threaten Carolus and from that point only those three were in the race with a chance. Halfway up the straight Carolus looked like holding on to his lead, but Barclay forced Dakota to the front and held off Our Nicolas's brave attack to beat him by three-quarters of a length with Carolus a length and a half away, third.

Carolus had run a formidable race for a three-year-old under 8st and Ryan Price announced him as a definite runner for the St Leger. Dakota has always been a horse with a great deal of ability but at times has seemed to have his own ideas about the game. He started favourite for the Ebor last year, but never ran a race at all. Since being fitted with blinkers when taking the Tennent Trophy at Ayr, Dakota has raced with great zest.

He showed a tendency to wander off a true line yesterday, but stuck to his task gamely. Dakota was well ridden by Barclay, who has enjoyed a remarkable run recently. Of the 20 winners he has partnered this season, 17 have come in the past three weeks. Dakota was bred by Mr Reed at his Nidd Hall stud near Ripon. Reed bought Dakota's dam, Ardneasken, at the December sales in 1968 when in foal to Sovereign Path. The result of that mating was Warpath, who won several good races including the Extel Handicap at Goodwood.

Dakota (left) wins the Ebor Handicap at York yesterday.

Mr Reed must have been a happy man yesterday after winning the most coveted trophy run in his native county apart from the St Leger. The Yorkshire owner-breeder has raced on a large scale for some years now, having devoted his time and energies to the sport since selling his chicken business in 1969. There is more than an outside chance that Dakota may turn out again at Newcastle on Monday when he is set to carry 9 st 5 lb in the Top Rank Club Handicap.

Terry's have now given up their sponsorship of the Ebor after supporting the race for the past two seasons. It is good news to hear that the Totalisator Board will take over in 1976 when they have agreed to contribute £10,000 towards the £15,000 added money. The race will be known as the "Tote-Ebor".

Eight times since 1953 has the winner of the Great Voltigeur gone on to take the St Leger. Although yesterday's winner, Patch, is not certain to run at Doncaster, it cannot be long odds against either Patch or the second horse, Sea Anchor, lifting the final classic.

This was the kind of dour struggle a Yorkshireman relishes. Both first and second had been locked to together in a sustained battle throughout the final three furlongs. It was only in the last 100 yards that Patch eventually gained the upper hand. For a brief moment at the distance Royal Manacle had threatened to join issue, but then hung to the left and lost his chance. We had seen a great race with two game and genuine horses both giving their best for two master jockeys in Eddery and Mercer.

Walwyn's reluctance to commit himself to a difinite plant for Patch is understandable. As always Patch made all his own running yesterday. This is the only way he knows how to race as he is such a headstrong individual. Patch ran himself into the ground in the Grand Prix de Paris and the Lambourn trainer is naturally fearful that the same thing might happen over the mile and three-quarters of the St Leger.

Rowing

Britain to find success along indirect path

Jim Railton

Great Britain will be represented in six of the nine events in the men's lightweight and women's world rowing championships, which start today (10 a.m.) on Nottingham's Holme Pierrepont course. Most of the British contingent have been drawn in difficult heats and will be fighting for survival in tomorrow's repêchages.

British crews will compete in all three of the men's lightweight events—the coxless fours, single sculls and eights. Lightweight single sculler Peter Zeun, of Peterborough, walks straight into the world champion Belden of the United States, and another promising sculler, Haberl of Austria, today. Only the first sculler to cross the line in this heat today will move on directly to Saturday's semi-final rounds.

Sixteen scullers are entered for this event with Belden, Wyss of Switzerland, Haberl, Hoeft, of West Germany, and Punt, of the Netherlands, early favourites for final places. History, too, will be made in this sport. In the third heat of the single sculls at 10.30 am, Huang Sheng-Hsiung, aged 21, will become the first member of the People's Republic of China to compete in an international rowing championship.

The British lightweight coxless fours meets the United States, France, Australia and Canada with three of the five qualifying directly for the semi-final rounds. Again this is a tough heat against a new United States crew, the Australian world championship quartet and a fast French four. I think the final of this event will be one of the closest of the week and front runners must include the United States, France, the Netherlands, Australia, West Germany, Norway and possibly Great Britain.

With only seven entries in the men's lightweight eights—an increase of three over last year—the British eight has the best chance of gaining a final place of the three British lightweight entries. Britain again have drawn the hardest heat against the holders, the United States, and the 1974 silver medal winners from the Netherlands, although both crews have only one oarsman apiece from last year. The winning crew in each of the two heats in the lightweight eights today will go direct to Sunday's final leaving five crews in tomorrow's repêchage to decide the other four finalists.

In the women's events, Britain will compete in the coxed fours, single sculls and eights. Diana Bishop, a single sculler from Wallingford, has the best chance of avoiding the repêchages. Mrs Bishop has only to finish in the first three out of four today for direct access to Saturday's semi-final round. Two places already look reserved for Christel Agricola, of West Germany, and Ewa Ambroziak, of Poland. Beverly Cameron, of Canada, is the other competitor.

The favourites in this event are the world champion Christine Scheiblich of East Germany, Genovaite Ramoshkene of the Soviet Union, Christine Wasterlain of Belgium, and Mariann Ambrus of Hungary. The first in each heat in the women's coxed fours and eights move on to Sunday's finals.

The British women's coxed four meets strong opposition in their heat from the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia (a length ahead of Great Britain in Munich) and the Netherlands. The British eight is likely to trail East Germany, Romania, the Netherlands and West Germany in today's heat and appears to face an uphill task all week against some exceptional crews.

The first week of the world rowing championships starts with the heats of the men's lightweight events. The heats of the women's events take over the afternoon's programme (2 p.m.). Despite a strong wind, the course looks good and the immediate impression on arriving at Holme Pierrepont is that many people have been working hard to make Britain's first world championships a success.

Draw for British crews:

MEN: Single Sculls: T. Scheffer (Austria), R. Haberl (Austria), A. Gille (Norway), P. Zeun (GB), A. Bilek (Turkey), W. Belden (US). Lightweight coxless fours: GB, US, France, Australia, Canada. Lightweight eights: GB, Sweden, US, Netherlands, W Germany. Single Sculls: C. Verkerk (W Germany), L. Vuitto (Italy), Belden, D. Bishop (GB), B. Cameron (Canada). Coxed fours: USSR, US, GB, Czechoslovakia, Netherlands, Australia. Eights: E. Germany, GB, Romania, Netherlands, W Germany.

Cycling

Osokin sets fastest time in qualifying round

Liège, Aug 20.—Vladimir Osokin, of the Soviet Union, set the fastest time in qualifying for the eighth finals of the amateur pursuit on the first day of the World track cycling championships here today. Osokin clocked 5min 5.35sec on the aging Liège-Rocourt track to edge out the Czechoslovak, Klasa.

Klasa, who last year was eliminated in the qualifying round on a fall, today punctured after covering half of the four kilometres and had to ride again on his own. Despite this handicap he returned a time of 5min 05.82sec to pose a strong threat to the more fancied riders such as the reigning champion, Lutz, of West Germany.

Lutz returned a surprisingly slow time today, taking only ninth place, but he may have been merely pacing himself as the pursuit riders are scheduled to contest both the eighth and quarter-final rounds of their event today. Heffernan, of Britain, just failed to make the cut with a time of 5min 20.45sec, but the other British rider, Croker, was well off the pace in 5min 30.19sec.

In the absence of the powerful Russian women, three American girls looked capable of dominating the women's sprint after the first round today. A former world champion, Sheila Young, Linda Stein and Susan Novarra all won their heats to go straight into the quarter-final round. The other heat was won by Czechoslovakia's Iva Zajickova, who is the only rider likely to split the Americans.

The Russian women have pulled out of every event in the championships, including the road race, officials announced today. Russian team officials would only say that it had been decided the girls were not in sufficiently good form to compete here. The Russians traditionally dominate the women's events and the absence leaves a big gap in the field.

Bowls

Last end win at Worthing

George Davis and John Nelson of North Shields, matched three shots for a 20—19 win over Tom Thomas and John Rodwell of Liberty of Havering (Essex) in the last end of their semi-final in the English Bowling Association national pairs championship at Worthing yesterday.

Davis and Nelson opened 3, 5, 2 but dropped seven shots on the next two ends. Davis and Nelson led 17—14 after 16 ends, but then dropped shots to go into the last *end two down.*

The North Shields pair were holding only one shot when Rodwell bowled a careless wood to give Davis and Nelson two shots and Nelson promptly came in for a third. Rodwell with his only chance to save dropped into the ditch.

Bill Campbell and Peter Inch (Middlesbrough Co-op) ground their way to the final beating Dick Dennis and Denis Hockley of St Neots, 21—13. After leading 16—9, Campbell and Inch had a few scares, but on the 19th end with five shots against him Inch got in to reduce it to four and on the 20th end the Yorkshire pair collected a five for a sudden finish 21—13.

SEMI-FINAL: W. Campbell and P. Inch (Middlesbrough Co-op), 21, D. Dennis and D. Hockley (St Neots), 13; G. Davis and J. Nelson (North Shields WE), 20; T. A. Thomas and J. A. Rodwell (Liberty of Havering), 19.

Mrs Ivy Lawson (Spennymoor, Durham), a past winner of the National Secretaries Cup, beat the international Mrs Margo Atwood (Street, Somerset) in an exciting singles final 21—20 in the English Women's Bowling Association national championships at Leamington Spa yesterday. In a keen tussle Mrs Lawson was 14—10 behind at one stage. She reduced her deficit to one at 19—20 and picker up one shot on the next end. Mrs Lawson produced the winning shot with her second wood in the next heat, despite a determined effort by Mrs Atwood with her last wood.

Lynch's gamble comes off by a short head

Carefully laid plans, perfectly executed by John Lynch, brought Dear Remus a thrilling victory in Brighton's Rottingdean Stakes yesterday.

In the lead at the top of the hill, Lynch suddenly moved Dear Remus over to the stands rails. He held the lead until two furlongs and a half out, where Magic Summer went on only to be headed by Quartic Melody inside the last furlong. But Dear Remus came flashing back in great style and at the line only inches separated him from Quartic Melody and Magic Summer.

He won by two short heads from the luckless Quartic Melody—second for the fourth time this season—and Magic Summer. "It was well planned, but still a big gamble", Paul Cole, the trainer, declared. "Dear Remus must have fast ground and we decided to bring the colt down on the track made by the starter's car. It's firmer there and it just worked."

Dear Remus is the only horse Cole trains for Sir Herbert Ingram, who is enjoying a great season. Three of his horses with Peter Walwyn—Record Token, Fastpad and Acquire—have credited him with eight wins.

"Fantastic, the thrill of my life", Mavis Lovell exclaimed

York results

2.0 (2.2) ROUS STAKES (2-y-o: £1,040: 5f)
Penny Arcade, b c, by Polyfoto—Queen's Blossom (G. Pearce), 9-8 ..... R. Marshall (6-1) 1
Belle Vue, b g, by Track Spare—Royal Camp (R. Mason), 8-8 ..... P. Eddery (16-1) 2
Lady Cromwell, b f, by Great Nephew—Proud Polly (A. Clegg), 8-8 ..... S. Raymond (5-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 Romany Charter, 7-1 Street Choir, African Seat, 8-1 Royal Duchess, 10-1 Gale Season (4th), 20-1 Flaxbridge, 33-1 Well Springs Lass, 33-1 Williamena. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 20p, 41p, 10p. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. Hd, 2l. 1min 00.98sec.

2.35 (2.36) KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,176: 6f)
Pilbury, br c, by Will Somers—Golden Darling (C. Murphy), 7-8 ..... M. L. Thomas (25-1) 1
Sneezeing, b g, by Polyfolo—Vesta (Ms Taylor), 7-3 ..... S. Eccles (12-1) 2
River Bison, br c, by Forlorn River—Gold Bipose (F. Ballard), 8-11 ..... J. Mercer (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Tarevich, 7-2 Le Chat, 10-1 Heaven Lent, 11-1 Endless Echo, 14-1 Dutch Marter, 14-1 Plenty Spirit, 15-1 Black Phyllis, 20-1 Raggera, 33-1 Autumn Glow, 33-1 Merry, 50-1 Fingers, Durham Lad. 15 ran.
TOTE: Win, £3.34; places, 74p, 30p, 45p. F. Carr, at Malton. 1l, 1½l. 1min 13.07sec.

3.15 (3.19) EBOR HANDICAP (£13,413: 1½m)
Dakota, br c, by Sunensuque—Archeasken (G. Reed), 4-9-4 ..... A. Barclay (7-1) 1
Our Nicolas, b g, by Levmoss—Bella Nicole (S. West), 4-8-3 ..... P. Eddery (7-1) 2
Carolus, br c, by King Log—Stormy Venture (Mrs D. Riley-Smith), 3-8-0 ..... A. Murray (17-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav John Cherry (4th), 8-1 Grand Chat, 11-1 Grey God, 12-1 Meadow Moss, 14-1 Caiaba, 16-1 Lead Cochlon, 18-1 Ribellaro, 20-1 Escarole, 22-1 Kinglet, Great Rain, 25-1 Onward Tarao, Paper Chase, 50-1 Inventory, Monrusha, 100-1 Doonside. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 82p; places, 31p, 21p, 25p, 22p. S. Hall, at Middleham. ¾l, 1½l. 5min 02.81sec.

3.45 (3.47) GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (3-y-o: £9,119: 1½m)
Patch, ch c, by St Paddy—Palatch (Dr C. Vittadini), 9-0 ..... Mr M. Reeves 3
Sea Anchor, ch c, by Alcide—Anchor (R. Hollingsworth), 9-0 ..... J. Mercer (15-8) 2
Royal Manacle, b c, by Manacle—Royal Reprosch (Exors of the late J. Kettleby), 9-0 ..... W. Carson (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Libra's Rib, 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; forecast, 49p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. ¾l, 1l. 2min 30.34sec.

4.15 (4.16) CONVIVIAL STAKES (2-y-o: £3,145: 6f)
Spade Guinea, ch c, by Golden Dipper—Chicombe Belle (Mrs H. van der Ploeg), 9-0 ..... R. Marshall (15-2) 1
Blue Brigand, ch c, by Majority Blue—Marennes (A. Dembinski), 9-0 ..... P. Eddery (12-1) 2
Handy, gr f, by Roan Rocket—Hecla (H. Wills), 8-11 ..... G. Lewis (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-6 Strabo, 9-1 Fuellen (4th), 11-1 Doctor Wall, Sir Destrier, 14-1 Sir Montague, 16-1 The Hand, 33-1 Ground Work, Aerjiko, Bennachie, Emperor of Ghana, Firecrack Star, King St Clare, North Two, Nunstar, Ossulton, Wayward Niece. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 95p; places, 25p, 45p, 45p. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. ¾l, 2½l. 1min 18.08sec.

4.45 (4.47) FALMOUTH HANDICAP (£1,098: 1m 2f)
Idiot's Delight, b g, by Silly Season—Dolphinet (J. McDonald), 5-8-5 ..... J. Mercer (12-1) 1
Baglecry, ch c, by Bold Lad—Grenadiere (R. Maller), 3-7-8 ..... M. L. Thomas (8-1) 2
Blaskette, b f, by Blast—Meryok (Mrs R. Owen-George), 4-8-0 ..... P. Cook (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Jolly Good (4th), 10-1 Red Canute, 12-1 Pinchaw, 20-1 Kafka, Poe Mai, 25-1 Hardy Tank. 66-1 Montral Boy. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 64p; places, 17p, 16p, 15p; dual forecast, £2.31. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 1½l, 1l. 2min 8.11sec.

5.15 (5.16) WYKEHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,808: 6f)
Honeybiegt, b c, by Sn Blessod—Middels Bay (J. Slade), 10-0 ..... G. Baxter (6-1) 1
Amadeus, ch f, by Hittoff—Grande Fille (W. Reynolds), 8-7 ..... L. Piggott (11-10 fav) 2
Fate Waiter, b c, by Sing Sing—Rapid (Capt J. Macdonald-Buchanan), 8-6 ..... P. Eddery (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-3 Lazenby, 17-2 Doubt Me Not (4th), 10-1 Ibya Baba, 11-1 Astronomical, 30-1 Saturday Night. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 77p; places, 34p, 16p, 19p; dual forecast, 87p. Doug Smith, at Newmarket. ¾l, 4l. 1min 12.42sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Dakota, Spade Guinea, £65.95. TREBLE: Pilbury, Patch, Idiot's Delight, £299.30. JACKPOT: Not won, consolation dividend of £255.00 paid on first five legs. Today's pool at York guaranteed at £10,000.

Brighton

1.30 (1.31) NEWHAVEN STAKES (2-y-o: £505: 6f)
Clarannlyan, ch f, by Jimmy Reppin—All Shy (R. Maris), 8-8 ..... A. Bond (4-1) 1
Red Rogue, ch c, by Firestreak—Brogue (J. Ratcliffe), 8-11 ..... G. Ramshaw (9-2) 2
Sweet Saint, ch c, by St Chad—Douaziel (Mrs N. Price), 8-11 ..... M. Germon (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Regency Time (4th), 5-1 Amber Sky, 10-1 First Service, Lady Shelley, 33-1 Cry For Joy, Miss Geraldine, Miss Typhoo. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 45p; places, 17p, 16p, 27p; dual forecast, 54p. B. Weeden, at Newmarket. 2l, 7l. 1min 15.61sec.

2.0 (2.2) SADDLECOMBE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £704: 7f)
Peck Eclair, ch f, by Major Portion—Ma Lait (Mrs W. Jones), 8-11 ..... T. McKeown (5-1) 1
Golden Lanis, b f, by Sea Hawk II—Lanis (R. Khan), 8-11 ..... J. Lynch (6-1) 2
Adorabella, ch f, by High Line—Orabella (Exors of the late P. Wentworth), 8-11 ..... Ron Hutchinson (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Devil's Dike (4th), 5-1 Cheddar Pink, 14-1 My Manon, 33-1 Okie. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 52p; places, 21p, 30p; dual forecast, £1.17. Doug Smith, at Newmarket. 1½l, sh hd. 1min 28.41sec.

2.30 (2.31) GEORGE ROSEY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,142: 1m)
Velvella, b c, by Right Tack—Nan's Girl (W. Greenbaum), 8-10 ..... Ron Hutchinson (4-5-1) 1
Sefton Court, b c, by Huntercombe—Maudie Callaway (Mrs J. Longbottom), 9-10 ..... A. Kimberley (11-3) 2
Dendar, b f, by Hopeful Venture—Queen's Troop (R. McReery), 7-7 ..... R. Fox (8-1 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 Stark Ribot, 7-1 Baldur (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 34p; forecast, £2.56. P. Nelson, at Lambourn. 2l, 2l. 1min 58.87sec.

3.0 (3.1) BRIGHTON LADIES' RACE (Handicap: £398: 1½m)
Stormer, b h, by Arctic Storm—Fina Bloom (Mrs Marshall), 7-8-10 ..... Miss Lovell (16-1) 1
Ascot Royale, gr g, by Track Spare—Petite Path (R. Mason), 4-9-0 ..... Miss Anne Gilbert (20-1) 2
Pampered Miss, ch m, by Pampered King—Miss Blandy (L. Marley), 5-10-2 ..... Miss Elain Mellor (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Samos Tan (4th), 6-1 Kentucky Fair, 7-1 Fire Fairy, 10-1 Daniel, 16-1 Dark Grey, Gypsy Bronze, King Casper, 33-1 Charville, Serra, Two Time Lady, Frosen, Jackie's Lad, Charlie George. 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.80; places, 34p, 36p, 18p, 14p. W. Marshall, at Fordingbridge. 3l, 1l. 3min 08.00sec.

3.30 (3.33) ROTTINGDEAN STAKES (£584: 1½m)
Dear Remus, b c, by Darting Roy—Wolfenring (Sir H. Ingram), 8-10 ..... J. Lynch (8-1) 1
Quartic Melody, b c, by Quarrens—Melody Call (H. Vickery), 8-8-3 ..... C. Furlong (4-1) 2
Magic Summer, ch g, by Midsummer Night II—Magic Goddess (I. Allen), 3-8-2 ..... P. Cheese (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Forsaken, 3-1 Princely Rifle (4th), 10-1 Powdered Sugar, 16-1 Jilldens, 25-1 Good Armament. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 37p, 18p, 46p; dual forecast, £1.14. P. Cole, at Lambourn. Sh hd, sh hd. 2min 59.16sec.

4.0 (4.0) HOLLINGBURY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £854: 6f)
Rose Track, b c, by Track Spare—Camp Follower (R. Tikkoo), 7-8 ..... T. McKeown (10-1) 1
Winged Typhoon, b f, by Typhoon—Winged Rebel (Miss G. Shaddock), 8-0 ..... A. Bond (5-1) 2
Movie Idol, b c, by Silent Green—Ambit (T. Willis), 8-6 ..... A. Kimberley (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Mark Jason, 9-2 Nantucket (4th), 6-1 The Goldstone, Chunlin, 12-1 Nalanda. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 22p, 17p, 25p; dual forecast, £1.33. A. Breasley, at Epsom. 2½l, ½l. 1min 13.00sec.

4.30 (4.32) LANCING HANDICAP (£722: 7f)
Trotty, b g, by King's Troop—Soft Collar (R. Moody), 4-8-12 ..... A. Kimberley (7-1) 1
Petsena, b f, by Welsh Saint—Gelling (Lady M. Fitzalan Howard), 3-8-7 ..... Ron Hutchinson (7-4 fav) 2
Baily Prince, b g, by Continuation—Empress of Scotland (D. Toomey), 3-7-9 ..... T Jenkinson (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Crown Major, 8-1 Modom (4th), 10-1 Charlie M, 14-1 Brawby Lad, Winged, 33-1 Rising Flight. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 78p; places, 21p, 15p, 31p; dual forecast, 82p. A. Dalton, at Newmarket. 1l, ½l. 1min 26.46sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Velvela, Dear Remus, £20.60. TREBLE: Petit Eclair, Stormer, Rose Track, £194.25.

3.45 (3.46) STARCROSS STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £330: 2m 40yd)
Complex Girl, gr m, by Enjoyable—Silver Sand (J. Payne), 7-11-4 ..... D. Cromer (7-2) 1
Blue River Wonder, br h, by Forlorn River—Gotte (Mannings), 6-11-11 ..... G. McNally (6-1) 2
Ludicrus Sextus, b g, by Candaba—Lucretia (D. Prentice), 8-12-0 ..... R. Champion (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav The Wash, 3-1 Whirlpool, 16-1 Mountain Stream, 33-1 Probophon, Wild Chance, Gibbi. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 21p, 17p, 18p; dual forecast, £1.71. J. E. Welsh, at Ascot. 7l, 10l.

4.15 (4.16) LUTON HURDLE (Novices: £340: 2m 40yd)
Fredrick John, gr h, by Runantino—For Bonnie (Mrs M. Bagley), 5-10-10 ..... P. Richards (10-1) 1
David's City, b g, by David Jack—Mary Escart (Mrs F. Walwyn), 5-10-12 ..... L. Howard (5-2) 2
Da Bergerac, b g, by Le Trocolore—Drawn Blank (G. Record), 6-11-5 ..... R. Champion (4-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Tussore, 6-1 Breezy Boy, 10-2 Proceed, 13-1 Honey Bean (4th), 16-1 Some Court, 20-1 Arabian, Loch King, Slipjoint, 33-1 Friendly Glow, Icl Affaire, Lady Galadriel, Spartan Pearl, Yongo, Buckster II, Moonlight Melody. 18 ran.
TOTE: Win, £2.57; places, 34p, 18p, 34p. Mrs E. Kennard, at Taunton. 2l, 9l. Tom did not run.

4.45 (4.46) CLYST HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 3m 1f)
Dark Sky, bl g, by Sirrus—Tom's Last (R. Norton), 8-10-0 ..... John Williams (9-2) 1
Hogen Hills, ch h, by Mirabeau—Tara III (F. Cleary), 8-11-2 ..... Mr P. Hobbs (5-4 fav) 2
Bud, br g, by Exbury—Cocoon (W. Arnold), 8-10-10 ..... K. B. White (5-2 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 2-1 Coronation Rose, 50-1 Tipple (4th). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 47p; forecast, £1.09. R. Kenner, at Chulmleigh. ¾l, 3l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Banvan, Frederick John, £276.65. TREBLE: Kipple Lad, Complex Girl, Dark Sky, £26.40.

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2.15 (2.22) DAWLISH HURDLE (Handicap: £510: 2m 40yd)
Power Point, b g, by Tamerlane—Bright Match (J. Hobbs), 4-10-0 ..... Mr M. Reeves (6-4 fav) 1
Miralgo Joe, ch h, by Miralgo—Whistle Away (J. Hickman), 7-10-0 ..... Mr J. Decker (9-1) 2
Brass Farthing, ch h, by Compensation—Brazen Polly (R. Pincombe), 7-9-7 ..... Mr J. Kerty (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav The Wash, 3-1 Whirlpool, 16-1 Mountain Stream, 33-1 Probophon, Wild Chance, Gibbi. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 21p, 17p, 18p; dual forecast, £1.71. J. E. Welsh, at Ascot. 7l, 10l.

2.45 (2.45) MOUSETRAP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 2m 40yd)
Kipple Lad, ch h, by Typhoon—Sunyasee (P. Whitton), 7-10-2 ..... K. B. White (5-4 fav) 1
Sandwilian, br g, by Road House II—Awaken (M. Speddine), 7-12-1 ..... R. Hyett (7-2) 2
Taman, ch g, by Rustam-Mandalay (Mrs D. Meats), 8-10-2 ..... S. May (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Sadale VI, 7-1 Wardle, at Wells. 21, 2½l.
TOTE: Win, 30p; forecast, 33p. I. Wardle, at Wells. 2l, 2½l.

3.15 (3.15) TOPSHAM HURDLE (Handicap: £306: 3m 40yd)
Banyan, b g, by Zarathustra—Arella (J. Baker), 7-9-7 ..... S. G. Knight (9-2) 1
Kilninian, ch h, by Klairon—Izaste (Mrs M. Pulleyn), 6-9-9 ..... H. J. Evans (10-1) 2
Rock Elan, b g, by Rockavon—Elon (M. McCourt), 9-10-6 ..... A. Varey (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Abellarg, 9-1 Mohawk Councillor, 7-1 Pelican Feather, 11-1 Bishop Burton, 16-1 Just Paddy, 25-1 Gay Prince, Psidium's Gal (4th). 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 18p, 31p, 25p; dual forecast, £2.95. J. Baker, at Tiverton. 1½l, 15l. Goldspur did not run.

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2.15 COUNTY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 2m 3f)
1 00002-2 Bybrook (CD) (Mrs M. Perks), G. Balding, 7-11-7
2 110w30- At Last (C) (Mrs E. Taplin), J. Taplin, 9-10-13 ..... Mr M. A. J. Wilson
3 p00-020 Bishop Burton (R. Pincombe), Pincombe, 12-10-0 Mr J. Kerty 7
4 Steamer (E. Bevan), Bevan, 7-10-0 ..... Mr P. G. Cross 7
5 pp04p0- Woodside (R. Isgar), Isgar, 7-10-0 ..... R. R. Isgar 7
6 fpppOp- Tanville Lad (H. Burns), Burns, 11-10-0 .. Mr N. Henderson 5
1-3 Bybrook, 7-2 At Last, 5-1 Bishop Burton, 10-1 Woodside, 28-1 Steamer, Tanville Lad.

2.45 HEAVITREE HURDLE (Novices: £306: 2m 40yd)
3 0020-10 Super Max (CD) (J. Adam), M. McCourt, 5-12-3 K. B. White
5 044000- Cricket Bat (R. Baker), R. Baker, 5-11-10 ..... Mr J. Roberts 7
4 0pp0-0p Johnny Kenny (W. Pincombe), Pincombe, 6-11-10 ..... Mr M. Reeves 3
5 0000- Shady Barge (Mrs R. Pym), G. Balding, 5-11-10 R. C. Bailey
6 00000-0 Timothy Jon (G. Allen), O. O'Neill, 5-11-10 ..... M. James 7
7 f-04 Wild Chance (H. Manners), Manners, 6-11-10 Mr S. Pearce 7
8 0 Capucio (Mrs A. Grantham), J. Gifford, 4-11-3 R. Champion
9 20-0 Davys Treble (R. Williams), O. O'Neill, 4-11-3 S. Pasquet 7
10 Fenlander (C. Unwin), Clay, 4-11-3 ..... N. Coe 5
11 0230-34 Qualis (Mrs H. Parry), Mrs Whitfield, 4-11-3 ..... C. Smith 7
12 0030- Toobroke (Mrs L. Spencer), R. Vibert, 4-11-3 .. G. Thorner
6-4 Qualis, 5-2 Super Max, 11-2 Capucio, 8-1 Toobroke, 12-1 Shady Barge, Timothy Jon. 20-1 others.

3.15 WELDON HANDICAP (£510: 2m 3f)
1 002002- Ronson Avenue (D. Stanton), M. Tate, 5-12-7 .. M. J. Evans 5
2 012102- Puritan (B. Gibbons), J. Bacon, 10-10-8 ..... G. Shaw
3 040000- Merrie Lord (Admin of late P. Blackburn), Miss Morris, 7-10-6 ..... P. Keane 5
4 p0021-0 Streakland (P. Brook), D. Barons, 4-10-0 ..... S. May
5 20031-1 Camp Carson (Miss S. Hunt), Mrs Dingwall, 8-10-0 ..... P. Leando 7
7 004-0 Happy Snoopy (M. Dyer), Mrs Kennard, 6-10-0 P. Richards 7
8 004 Jock My Boy (A. Dunn), Dunn, 6-10-0 ..... G. Thorner
6-1 Camp Carson, 11-4 Ronson Avenue, 9-2 Puritan, 13-8 Streakland, 8-1 Merrie Lord, 14-1 Happy Snoopy, Jock My Boy.

3.45 CITY OF EXETER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £510: 3m 1f)
1 1r11- Alcades (CD) (D. Hebditch), L. Kennard,

SPORT

Golf

Lyle strikes well to reach last eight

By Lewine Mair

A total of nine under par for his first three rounds of the British boys championship at Brantsfield, Sandy Lyle yesterday afternoon dropped four shots to the card against Martin Wilce—but won by four and three to take his place in the quarter finals. His opponent this morning is Trevor Patmore, an English boy international in 1974 who failed to retain his place in this year's side.

Lyle, who had rounded off his game yesterday morning against Trevor Collett by holing out with his wedge for an eagle at the 373-yard 16th hole, reckoned that he was swinging back outside the line on the early afternoon holes, thereby restricting his shoulder turn.

However, after holing a crucial five-foot putt on the 11th green to keep his one hole lead, Lyle began to strike the ball really well. Having won the short 12th in three, this powerful striker erased a lovely drive and four iron into the wind down the 13th to go three ahead and, after a one iron and a six iron to the heart of the green at the 493-yard 14th hole, was four up with four to play.

Lyle, who is very conscious of the fact that as English amateur strokeplay champion, he is expected to win this week—"the pressure is considerable"—is aiming his game at the 1977 Walker Cup match in America. A full-time golfer during the summer months, he helps the green staff at his club, Hawkstone Park, in the winter months.

Ian Woosnam, of Wales is another quarter finalist who spends his spare time working as a green keeper. Seventeen years of age, Woosnam, in his afternoon match against Nicholas Peters, played the stroke of the day—namely, a fairway bunker shot which carried 40 yards to the green and kept within four feet of the hole. Bunker shots, to Woosnam, are the easiest part of the game: "I just concentrate on a smooth, slow swing—a technique I've learned from watching Gary Player on television."

Woosnam's opponent this morning is Brian Marchbank, who, despite the afternoon squalls, was one under par in defeating Duncan Evans.

The son of Ian Marchbank, the professional at Glencarles, Brian was given his first golf clubs at the age of one and started to play seriously at 12. Now 17, Marchbank works as an assistant in his father's shop, a position which had to be cleared by the R and A. In addition to spending four hours on the practice ground, Marchbank, a lovely looking golfer, plays a round of golf almost every day in life. "He's having two or three years amateur golf on me," explained the father. "I am very much against players turning professional too soon."

FOURTH ROUND: M. Wilce beat A. Hubbin, one hole; A. Lyle beat T. Collett (West Wilts), 3 and 2; P. Till beat T. Johson, 4 and 3; T. Patmore beat A. Dawson, 3 and 1; A. Durbin beat N. Scott, 4 and 2; G. Hammond beat S. White, 4 and 2; N. Ferguson beat B. Ball, 6 and 5; R. Chapman beat A. C. Sinclair, one hole; N. Peters beat P. Carrigill (Moortown), 2 and 1; I. Woosnam beat A. Rose, 2 and 1; D. Evans beat P. Harris, 2 and 1; B. Marchbank beat R. Jones, 2 and 1; R. Shaw beat C. Grant, 2 and 1; M. Cheeves beat J. Norbury, one hole; M. Friend beat J. Laing, 3 and 1; A. Webster beat A. McClure at 20th.

FIFTH ROUND: Patmore beat Till, 5 and 3; Durbin beat Hammond, 3 and 2; Ferguson beat Chapman, 4 and 3; Woosnam beat Peters 5 and 4; Marchbank beat Evans, 6 and 5; Cheeves beat Shaw, one hole; Webster beat Friend, 6 and 5; Lyle beat Wilce, 4 and 3.

Miss Barry fares better than her younger sister

Ruth Barry, the British girl's champion from Burnham, scored a convincing victory by 5 and 4 when she opened the defence of her title in the second round at Henbury yesterday. Miss Barry, aged 17, who was runner-up for the English girls' title and a semi-finalist in the English women's championship, was far too experienced and capable for Pauline Woolgar, a Durham junior player from South Shields.

Miss Barry lost only one hole on the outward run, and turned four up after two birdies. She increased her lead by almost holing a long bunker shot at the 10th. Her ball finished only an inch from the cup for a winning par four. She lost the 11th to a birdie, but three holes later secured her victory. In the afternoon, she beat Miss Ellard, 6 and 5, to go into the last 16.

One of the biggest early winners was Rhona Hegarty, an Irish international, who needed only 10 holes to dispose of Bronwen Morrow by 9 and 8. Suzanne Cadden, the favourite, also quickly disposed of her first opponent. The runner-up for this year's British women's title, she defeated Marsha Stevens 7 and 5.

Miss Cadden turned three up and went five ahead by holing a four-foot birdie putt at the 11th. She progressed into the third round when her opponent was twice in the same bunker at the 13th. Philippa Barry, the younger sister of the defending champion, did not survive, however. She lost 5 and 4 to Claire Hourihan, an Irish international from Dublin.

SECOND ROUND: A. Wynn beat K. Bullock, 5 and 3; H. Large beat D. Glenn, 3 and 2; S. Tyler beat J. Parry, 4 and 3; H. Latham beat A. Norman 3 and 4; P. Eliard beat D. Stewart, 3 and 2; R. Barry beat P. Woolgar, 5 and 4; M. Rees wo M. Irvine, scratched; R. Hegarty beat B. Morrow, 9 and 8.

S. Jenkins beat S. New, at the 19th; S. Berthet (France) beat L. Jamieson, 1 hole; S. Cadden beat M. Stevens, 7 and 5; S. Rowlands beat M. L. de Lorenzi (France), 3 and 2; S. Thurston beat L. Cherry, 3 and 1; A. Ferguson beat D. Hastings, 6 and 5; J. Melville beat J. Panter, 6 and 4; C. Hourihan beat P. Barry, 5 and 4; M. Mullins beat J. Miles, 4 and 2; S. Jolly (Newbury) beat C. Williams (Tenby) 3 and 1; C. Saurel (France) beat S. McCarthy, 1 hole; D. Reid beat C. Bromet (France), 6 and 5; J. Isherwood beat A. Middleton, 2 holes; C. Langford beat M. Egan, 7 and 6; S. Wickham beat P. Bashford, 4 and 3; K. Rawlings beat D. Park, 3 and 2.

M. Burton beat S. Bamford, 5 and 3; L. Clements beat N. Rodolf (Switzerland), 3 and 2; C. Hay beat L. Moore, 6 and 5; L. Harrold beat R. Dumbreck, 6 and 5; V. Gray beat C. Barry, 5 and 4; W. Aitken beat F. Colvin, 1 hole; A. Worthington beat M. Madill, 4 and 2; I. Plonnier (France) beat M. Stavert, 3 and 1.

THIRD ROUND: Latham beat Tyler, 5 and 4; Barry beat Eliard, 4 and 3; Large beat Wynn, 2 holes; Rees beat Jenkins, 3 and 1; Hegarty beat Berthet, 3 and 2; Cadden beat Rowlands, 3 and 2; Thurston beat Ferguson, 4 and 2; Melville beat Mullins, 3 and 2; Isherwood beat Langford, 6 and 5.

Polo

Moseley returns to something like old form

By Andrew Porter

The Cirencester polo tournament was blessed with rain two days ago and the lovely grounds, one old, and one new, provided perfect going for the ponies' jaded legs at the end of a long season.

Blues and Royals (received ½) beat Soundborough 5½—2; Deva (received 1½) beat Los Toges Patos 8½—4; Sladmore beat Beechanger 6—2; Brookers beat Pewer Park (received ½), 8—2½.

This final tournament for the Cheltenham Cup produces a good blend of young and old players and yesterday, while Horswell and Livingstone-Learmon played well it was pleasant to see the veteran Moseley returning to something like his old form.

BLUES AND ROYALS: N. H. Paton (1); Major R. Phillips (3); Major A. Parker-Bowles (2); S. Livingstone-Learmon back.

SOUNDBROUGH: C. Graham (0); I. J. Snell (1); J. MacKay (5); S. D. Timmell (3) back.

DEVA: D. Long (2); I. J. Barlow (2); G. Rettenson (2); S. M. Moseley (2) back.

LOS TOGES PATOS: M. Hanna (1); J. N. Barlow (3); J. Gunn (3); J. W. McAlpin (1) back.

SLADMORE: R. Horswell (1); I. M. Montevecchi (3); J. Horswell (4); S. J. Talay (2) back.

BEECHANGER: G. Bathurst (3); I. J. N. Williams (2); R. Hodskinson (3); S. W. Maunder (2) back.

PEWER PARK: R. Brooks (2); J. Hine (1); G. Barlow (2); S. Major R. C. S. Mahony (4) back.

BROOKERS: W. G. Weston (1); P. Grace (2); A. Devich (6); J. Mulhern (1) back.

Newcombe hopes to play again soon

San Antonio, Texas.—John Newcombe, the Australian tennis player, has had a cartilage operation here and expects to be playing in a few weeks.—UPI.

Tennis

CHESTNUT HILL, MASSACHUSETTS: G. Vilas (Argentina) beat J. Higueras (Spain), 6—2, 7—5; M. Orantes (Spain) beat J. Vallsie (Colombia), 6—0; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat W. Martin (US), 6—1, 6—3; J. Gisbert (Spain) beat R. Gottfried (US), 6—4, 6—3, 7—6; W. Stockton (US) beat V. Pecci (Paraguay), 7—6, 7—5, 7—6; P. Dent (Australia) beat J. Fraser (GB), 6—3, 6—4; J. Fillol (Chile) beat M. Cahill (US), 6—1, 6—3; C. Drysdale (South Africa) beat C. Dowdeswell (Rhodesia), 6—3, 6—3; P. J. Kodes (Czechoslovakia) beat P. Dominguez (France), 6—3, 6—1.

HARRISON, NEW YORK: Miss C. Evert (US) beat Miss G. Chaureau (Australia), 6—4, 6—1; Mrs M. Court (Australia) beat Miss M. Redondo (US), 6—1, 6—3; Miss J. Heldman (US) beat Miss J. Russell (US), 6—1, 2—6, 6—1; Miss P. Teeguarden (US) beat Miss W. Castle (US), 6—3, 5—7, 6—3; Miss R. Casals (US) beat Miss M. Gardet (Belgium), 6—1, 6—3.

Yachting

HEINE BAY: National Hornet championship: 1, D. Nicholson, Super Zenka (Brightlingsea SC); 2, K. Rivers, Revolution (Thorpe Bay SC); 3, M. Martin, something completely different (Brightlingsea). 4, R. Barnes, Farnsgrove (Stone SC); 5, R. Axford, Dorenil (RNSA); 6, B. Dingwall, Nogus Noggil (Hayling Island SC).

PLYMOUTH: 12ft championship: Fourth race: 1, Mulea Bill (C. Edwards, Ranelagh SC); 2, Cheshire Cat (M. Jackson, Ranelagh SC); 3, Sneezy Measy (J. Royce, Trent Valley SC); 4, Gore (Mrs C. Martin, Queen Mary Reservoir); 5, Paper Doll (B. Hanson, Royal Harwich YC); 6, Cloud Nine (A. Bax, Tynemouth SC).

Squash rackets

Third Round: G. Hunt beat T. Khan (Pakistan), 9—1, 9—0, 9—; O. Zaman (Pakistan) beat G. Nancarrow, 9—10, 9—0, 9—0; M. Khan (Pakistan) beat H. Jahan (Pakistan), 9—6, 9—2, 9—7; K. Hiscox beat G. Alandelin (Pakistan), 9—9, 10—9, 9—3.

Swimming

Hare misses his second record by 0.16 seconds

Paul Hare followed his record-breaking performance in the 200 metres freestyle by winning the 100 metres freestyle in the 14-15 age group of the national age group swimming championships at Leeds yesterday. Hare, who trimmed over two seconds off the British 200 metres junior record on Tuesday, won the sprint event in 56.46 seconds.

He was challenged again by Paul Sparkes, also of Surrey, who took second place in 57.03 seconds. Hare started rapidly and attacked the British junior record, set by Kevin Burns in 1961. He finished only 0.16 of a second outside his target.

Maxine Charles, an outstanding prospect, won the girls' 11 and under individual medley after a remarkable swim, finishing in 2min 44.50sec. The time would have put her in the top 15 of the age group above and bettered the times of a number of competitors in the corresponding event for 15-year-olds. Winners:

BOYS: 16-17: 200 metres breaststroke: C. Pryke (Ipswich), 2min 34.50sec. 14-15: 100 metres freestyle: P. Hare (Amphibians), 56.46. 100 metres breaststroke: D. Hills (Feltham), 1:13.22. 11 and under: 200 metres individual medley: M. Rickhuss (Darlington), 2:45.13.

GIRLS: 11 and under: 200 metres individual medley: M. Charles (Orion), 2:44.14. 14-15: medley relay: Leeds Central, 2:13.98. 12-13: freestyle relay: Southampton, 2:3.13. Medley relay: St James's, 2:16.62.

Tough opposition for Davies

Three of the world's outstanding 3,000 metres steeplechasers will meet in the athletics meeting at Crystal Palace on August 29. They are the world record holder, Andres Garderud, of Sweden, Michael Karst, of West Germany, who won the 3,000 metres steeplechase in the Europa Cup final in Nice, and Poland's Bronislaw Malinowski.

This opposition presents John Davies, the British record holder, with just the opportunity he has been looking for. It has been his ambition this year to put up a good performance against the Swede and the Pole and he will also want to show the selectors they were wrong in omitting him from the Europa Cup final team.

Cole to play at Ganton

Robert Cole, of South Africa, has confirmed that he will compete in the Dunlop Masters golf tournament at Ganton from October 1 to 4. Fellow South African Gary Player has also confirmed that he will play as well as Jack Newton and Graham Marsh, of Australia, and Edward Pearce and Hubert Green, of America.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 2, Cleveland Indians 1; Boston Red Sox 5, Kansas City Royals 0; Minnesota Twins 5, Baltimore Orioles 3; Chicago White Sox 7, New York Yankees 6; Detroit Tigers 5, Oakland Athletics 1; California Angels 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Chicago Cubs 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, San Francisco Giants 0; Montreal Expos 5, San Diego Padres 0; Atlanta Braves 4, Philadelphia Phillies 4; St Louis Cardinals 2, Cincinnati Reds 1; New York Mets 6, Houston Astros 3.

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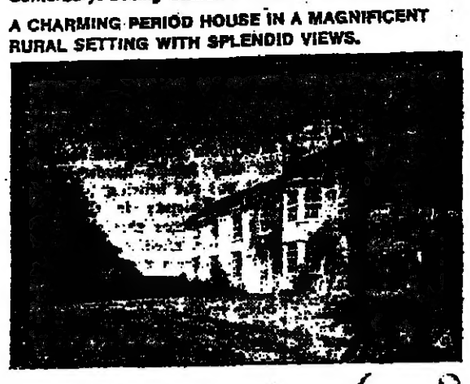

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The short answer is probably not. But there cannot be many occupations which come closer to meeting the description than accountancy.

It is true, of course, that accountants who choose to make their careers in industry and commerce—something over 50 per cent of members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales — are vulnerable to cutbacks in labour forces or the possible *failure* of the companies they work for. But one notable feature of the profession is its flexibility.

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Cork Gully provides perhaps the most extreme example of how recession can eonate to growth for a particular firm, but professional firms are also sharing in the rising demand for *receivers* and liquidators. The Institute, which believes there is still a steady if unspectacular *rise* in accountancy employment totals, notes that most big firms are presently expanding their liquidation departments significantly.

But while the business of winding companies up is clearly a growth one just now there is no real sign of an inflow of would-be accountants into the profession with the chief aim of specializing in liquidation or bankruptcy.

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THE ARTS

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John Standing, Michael Williams, with Queen Victoria in the background.

Grotesque stereotypes weaken argument

Jingo
Aldwych

Irving Wardle

Having put the hoot into the Desert War in *Dingo*, Charles Wood now repeats the treatment in the Eastern theatre of operations. Backed up with ludicrously complacent quotations from the *Straits Times* and roars of reassurance from Churchill, *Jingo* presents the fall of Singapore as the natural consequence of British folly. The title does not quite match up to the old song. The defenders may have extracted £2m from the Malayan planters, but they had neither the ships nor the men.

The picture that takes shape is of a sleepwalking community, fleeting the time with tennis parties and dances at Government House, disdaining the elementary defence preparations so as to maintain disbelief in the possibility of a Japanese attack. Appropriately, Wood puts his argument in the form of an adultery farce: a suitable activity for people with nothing more serious on their minds.

The fun leads off with a bright-eyed and pouting Anna Massey introducing herself as the fun-loving Gwendolen who has dropped in on Singapore with her husband hoping it will make an amusing change from Bombay. So it does, as her ex-husband Ian is also sunning himself on the veranda of the Raffles Hotel. Ian is a ramrod major in the Sappers, played by Michael Williams with the mirthless smirk and strangulated delivery betokening the British officer abroad.

The present husband, George, is a different type of British silly ass: a BBC commentator attached to an information unit with the rank of major, in which role John Standing shambles myopically into the triangle and switches on a radio to listen in blissful narcissism to his own voice oozing soothing propaganda about the racial inferiority of the Japanese and the need to remove one's cap before donning a gas mask. The ensuing duel that develops between these two for possession of Gwendolen pits Ian's open British arrogance against George's British mock-humility: the point being that they are as one in considering themselves immeasurably superior to the little yellow men.

A third suitor then appears on the scene in the person of the CO, an authentic mad-dog Englishman played by Peter Jeffrey in a state of shell-shocked elation, mingling peremptory barks of authority with giggles and squeals in French, and winding up a bit of rifle drill by practising golf strokes. Dismissing civilian defence as bad for morale, he pulls rank to secure Gwendolen for the evening.

The campaign then intervenes and breaks up the party; and when the group next reassemble it is with refugees pouring on to the last boats and plaster sagging from the hotel bedroom ceiling. George, back from a tree-burning expedition ("What a blow to our defences if all this elastic gets into the wrong hands"), is playing the mensch after shooting two Japanese. Ian simply collapses in tattered exhaustion. The CO, left alone with Gwendolen, confesses to terrible feelings of guilt and pleads with her to thrash him: which reluctantly she does, very gently with a silver hairbrush.

Wood is our stage's main exponent of Army speech, and the text of *Jingo* is largely pieced together from the fixed word-blocks that make up so much Service conversacion. It is true that this idiom has the effect of preventing people from thinking outside rigidly approved limits; and that Wood's dialogue, by showing his officers and gentlemen as prisoners of language (far less expressive than the Malay characters despite their pidgin English), conveys his argument even more strongly than the events. But, not for the first time with this writer, the gesture of the play has been distorted out of focus by the concentration on detail.

Here is a work carrying a warning against viewing other human beings as stereotyped grotesques; and that warning is put over by a group of characters themselves as grotesquely stereotyped as their own view of the Japanese. Alienation nuts! The white man's burden may have produced some odd contortions, but even in farce fun evaporates into a mirthless cackle when the fall of a city is ascribed to a bad case of *la vice anglaise*.

John Gunter has staged the piece in a luxury suite that looks as well ripped apart as when sumptuously intact; and extended the imperial never-never land to an arid park surmounted by a monolithically unheeding statue of Queen Victoria. Upon this set, Richard Eyre clears the stage by sinking the two rivals in the Singapore swamp. Otherwise his production is free of tricks, and single-mindedly attached to the releasing the congested text into clear and vigorous expression. The production suggests an athlete, sometimes muscle-bound, sometimes escaping into Olympic action.

The woman of my dreams

Die Frau ohne Schatten
Grosses Festspielhaus, Salzburg

William Mann

Die Frau ohne Schatten was the most demanding, spectacular, provocative in ethical content of all Richard Strauss's operas. The demands on the audience come from the text by Hugo von Hofmannsthal, an invented exotic story full of magic but basically a moral tract about our duty to one another, and how our conduct dictates our destiny—Charles Kingsley's "Be done by as you did". The authors devoted endless pains and devotion and creative invention to its making. They believed it to be their outstanding collaborative effort, infinitely greater than *Elektra* or *Der Rosenkavalier*, though while they were alive it was deprecated as pompous and obscure: the world was convinced that *Der Rosenkavalier* could not possibly be trumped.

All the productions I have seen of *Die Frau ohne Schatten*, including the Covent Garden one, have been visually disappointing to some extent, and therefore unbelievable.

The Salzburg production, made last year for Karl Böhm's eightieth birthday by Günther Rennert, with scenery by Günther Schneider-Siemssen, and revived at this year's festival, has shown me how Galahad must have felt when he found the Grail. Here is everything we knew was in the work and always sought to see with our own eyes—as well as what we wanted to hear, and sometimes have already done.

The necessary magic is at once conveyed when we see the Emperor's palace high up on our left, a glittering façade set far above a wide and deep plain; and then the Messenger appears on stairs outside a temple even farther up in heavens. So it is with the hunting lodge, a neo-baroque castle in best Dulac style dropped into mid-air, its fantastic curlicues seemingly occupying the whole panoramic stage-space, and the device which signifies the falcon in high flight. And indeed the magical transformations, multifarious and omnipresent, which carry the Empress to the large but low-ceilinged and infinitely squalid hovel of Barak.

The open-air platform, nowhere near a house, where the Empress dreams of her husband's ordeal, fails to suggest a cloistered ambiance; and in the final Quartet the Emperor and Empress are wrongly separated and placed above the Baraks, as though their humanity, after all that struggle, were not completely established—their children, we assume, will be smaller and weaker than Barak's, perhaps haemophiliac like the Habsburgs, a bad idea. But until then the fairytale magic has been shown and given its proper relevance not least in the stereophonic placing and manipulation of offstage voices in the ordeal scenes. And the Barak scenes are forcefully staged, with plentiful activity in the dye factory and constant forethought about shadow casting.

None of this would mean much with inferior singers, but Salzburg can cast from strength. The star hero is Ursula Schröder-Feinen, a bedraggled dyer's wife who looks completely like a slum-dweller with longings for grandeur based on her sumptuous figure. Her voice is of exceptionally thrilling quality, rich and vibrant, a shade strident at the top but always deeply sympathetic. Barak's wife is a shrew, be an impossible goody-goody, but Rennert remembers to make Walter Berry a gangling, ugly fellow, and his wife a woman basically in love yearning for her husband but always switching herself off in the name of pride, the vice that she must conquer during the ordeal. Her overt demonstration of love during Barak's theme of goodness is original and apt, if not what the libretto says. Other outstanding vocal contributions come from Leonie Rysanek's luscious Empress, James King's stalwart, handsome Emperor, and Ruth Hesse's writhing Nurse.

The singing is a treat, even more Karl Böhm's control of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, infinitely powerful when necessary but usually quite restrained, attentive to internal balance and instrumental detail, geared to drama within long musical paragraphs. Just over a month ago I was listening to the Covent Garden revival, with a marvellous cast, conducted by Georg Solti. He interpreted the music no less dynamically and sympathetically; Böhm does it all with greater serenity, like a story-teller who has worked emotion out of his system so as to narrate everything clearly, and who hardly needs to raise his voice for important happenings.

Singers are not swamped, events never ignored. We observe the distinctive voices of solo instruments, the grand blend of brass, the disruptive interference of percussion, rarely the warmth of the strings—the great VPO strings, do they need reform? From grandeur to the subtlest insinuendo, Böhm and the VPO support this superb cast, giving us (apart from musical cuts) the *Frau ohne Schatten* of at any rate my dreams.

The final scene: Leonie Rysanek, James King and (foreground) Ursula Schröder-Feinen and Walter Berry

Miss United Kingdom
BBC 1

Alan Coren

It may well be depressingly significant that the most widely watched programme on television is also about the worst produced. Every year 40 million eyes plug into the Miss UK struggle, and every year, for the past 18, they have seen exactly the same thing, served up in exactly the same tarty way.

Three dozen assorted girls, having been levered into their one-piece bathing costumes and winched aboard their white platform shoes, are fed into some off-camera hopper and at the word "go" are shot down the catwalk like so many pinitable balls. Worse, they are shot towards the camera. And if there is one angle which invariably shows a girl in a bathing suit to her worst disadvantage, it is that one.

For if marching is itself unfeminine, foreshortened marching is grotesque: the knees twitch and wrinkle, bad things happen to the thighs, the shoulders swing, and the bust does practically nothing. The one-shot routine also forces the girl to maintain her grinning rictus for a preposterous length of time. It is a denial of all naturalness. I cannot understand why the contestants are not left merely to amble about, laugh, lean on things, sit down, bend over or chase sticks.

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Professor H V Livermore concludes his series on the background and future of the Portuguese revolution

How the West can help Portugal along the road to stability

In just over 15 months Portugal has run through five governments, a number equalled only in the chaotic year of 1921. However the five governments since April 1974 do not reflect the instability of bickering parties as in 1921, but the writhing of the Marxist cuckoo which has cleared the nest of old-school liberals, of General Spinola and his adherents, and of the newly-formed conservative and socialist parties, leaving only hapless technocrats and the inevitable opportunists.

The Armed Forces Movement (MFA) itself produced a general assembly of 200 officers, later expanded to 240 to include NCO's and privates, and then contracted to suit the needs of the Marxist leaders. Most of the old regular officers have been forcibly retired by ministerial order. The army is thus dominated by the Lisbon command associated with COPCON, a specially indoctrinated striking force—the Praetorian Guard which General Spinola said the army was not. The Institute of Higher Military Studies has become the Centre for Military Sociology. Propaganda issues from the "Fifth Division". The news-bulletins of the MFA are introduced by the boisterous playing of *A Life on the Ocean Wave* (*para inglês ouvir*?). Television programmes tell children who to admire. Higher education is in a state of chaos. Purging has become a central part of the "revolutionary process". The number of people under arrest without any form of trial runs into thousands. The economy is in a parlous state, and would be still worse but for the pile of gold left by Dr Salazar. Most of the larger estates in the Alemtejo have been "occupied" by the men from the ministry. Cattle has been recklessly sold off. Hotels are almost bereft of tourists. Unemployment is increasing, and the gap between jobs sought and vacancies broadens month by month. Estimates of the number of those who have gone abroad run as high as 50,000. They include a high proportion of essential and technological staff. More would go if they could take their belongings with them.

It is at present hard to find anyone who will admit to having supported the government. Credibility it neither has, nor apparently cares about. President Costa Gomes thinks that Portugal is in a transition period that will last three to five years. Admiral Rosa Coutinho says that Portugal is on the way to becoming a socialist society in 20 years, 30 years, by the end of the century. . . . The senior communist leader, Alvaro Cunhal, who supported the elections, declares that "there is no country in Western Europe with the freedom that exists in Portugal at the present time". The Mozambique psychologist who commands the COPCON, Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, says it is becoming "impossible to bring about a socialist revolution by peaceful means" and all "counter-revolutionaries" ought to have been put in the bull-ring.

Portugal is a country with a powerful sense of national individuality and of historical continuity. Her people are deeply conscious of having been the pioneers of European expansion, the discoverers of the sea-route round Africa, and of the way to India and the Far East. Like Britain, Portugal is ecumenical, and like Britain her economy is scarcely viable unless set in a wider context.

Her greatest achievement has been the creation of Brazil. Already in the eighteenth century its wealth exceeded that of the mother-country. When Napoleon invaded Portugal in 1807, the royal family withdrew to Rio de Janeiro which in due course became a kingdom. The political separation of Brazil was precipitated by the miscalculations of the Portuguese radical government in 1822. Thereafter Portugal's economy had to be bolstered up by more and more foreign loans. By the second half of the century interest payments accounted for more than half the national budget. Railways and development were financed by more loans. Some relief was obtained by the receipt of remittances from emigrants in Brazil, but with the fall of the Brazilian Braganzas and the establishment of the Brazilian republic in 1889 the Brazilian financial crisis shook the Portuguese economy. There ensued a deepening crisis, leading to the fall of the Portuguese monarchy in 1910.

The Portuguese republicans of 1910 had persuaded themselves that the monarchy was an extravagant luxury whose disappearance would set things right. In fact, the civil list had remained unaltered since 1820, and the royal family had long since spent its investments. The republicans had no coherent policy, and the life of cabinets grew even shorter.

There was always a resource, the development of Portuguese Africa. In the nineteenth century there had been no capital for investment overseas. The republicans had constantly accused the monarchy of neglecting the overseas territories. They now granted autonomy to Angola and poured funds into ill-conceived development schemes, extending their own confusion into Angola. In 1926 the army, calling on all men of good will, put an end to the dance of the politicians. They summoned Dr Salazar from his university to save the country. Dr Salazar saw that the problems that had plagued Portugal for a century could not be cured in the brief span allotted to Portuguese ministries. Portugal needed more coherent policy and less incoherent politicians. He produced balanced budgets, which became the hall-mark of his regime.

Portugal, like Britain, if she were alone in the world, could only support her population at a much lower standard of living. She would be reduced to poverty, and become a charge on the Western community.

Portugal's survival requires the existence of a Luso-African community. Monarchists and republicans alike have held this doctrine. Dr Salazar envisaged it as a gathering of provinces. Dr Caetano foresaw a future federation of states. General Spinola looked to an immediate federation. The Armed Forces Movement supposed that the compensation for immediate independence would be the preservation of cultural and economic links. Nobody denies the existence of a Slavic block, a French community or a British Commonwealth. A Luso-African or a Luso-African-Brazilian cultural and economic area is an even more vital necessity. In this Brazil, now the great power of South America, has a role to play.

The Portuguese Marxists appear to have thought that if the West was too short-sighted or self-seeking to provide essential guarantees of continuity they must turn to the only alternative that presented itself. The results have hardly justified such sanguine expectations. Recognition of the independence of Guinea seems to have left no scars. The way in which Mozambique has hastily handed over to an unrepresentative minority has caused concern. To the MFA it may appear that if the West was not interested in defending Mozambique it had better take the consequences. But the test case is Angola, which is due to receive full independence in November. Of the three independence movements, the present Portuguese government has supported the Marxist MPLA, and has attempted to place it in control of Luanda, where the administrative services are concentrated, and the largest group of trained Africans exists. This is not simply because MPLA is Marxist, but because it is seen as offering a better prospect of future collaboration than its main rival, the FNLA.

The errors of the West's policy have been many and persistent. The international campaign against Portugal goes back to the day when the United States for the first time voted with the Russians in declaring Angola a "threat to peace". That error has been compounded by the dogma "one man, one vote". Mozambique has been handed to a minority movement without a vote from anyone. Angola has been handed to three movements, and no vote can even be contemplated. Portugal has voted, but its vote has been ignored. Dr Salazar, whose policy is now denounced as faced an opposition of 90 per cent. The present Prime Minister and the party obtained only half that in April, yet he insists in claiming the mandate to govern.

So far, the West has limited itself to urging the formation of a government to include representatives of the major political parties and the introduction of "Western style" elections. The first is logically indispensable. The second is not at present feasible. The people of Portugal have expressed their wishes and demonstrated that they are prepared to accept Marxist oppression. What is required for a stable government is not an imitation of Western democracy that might be desirable, but which has been tried and has succeeded. The essential recognition of the Portuguese problem is that international policy must offer safeguards for economic and political stability. The time is long overdue, but it is not too late.

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The man who tried to be Lawrence of Bulgaria

The Balkans are primevally tangled terrain, both geographically and politically. They are ideal territory for guerrilla warfare: criss-crossed with double and treble-crossing, plots imbricated with overlapping counterplots, and associated cops and robbers activity. For some reason the Balkan scene exerts a potent attraction on a certain type of upper-class Briton, who can play the grim partisan game as well as the natives: for example, Fitzroy Maclean in Yugoslavia. Perhaps it is an English public school training that best equips a man to enjoy the fierce pack loyalty, the constant supervision and physical proximity, the cruel hardships, and the chaos of irregular warfare, Balkan-style.

A book published today discloses the story of another British extra-mural intervention in the Balkans in the last war, less well-known and less successful than our activities in support of Tito, but almost as extraordinary. It concerns attempts by Special Operations Executive, the organization that undertook unofficial and clandestine operations, to aid partisans in Bulgaria revolt against their Coburg-Czarist, pro-Nazi government.

Three British agents were dropped into that wild landscape of intrigue, double agents, and savage mountain forest. The supporting caste was a *Macedoine* of mutually hostile parties: Macedonians led by Tempo, Tito's Number 2; Serbs; Bulgarian partisans; the Royal Bulgarian Army and police; and the Germans. There were British liaison officers with Mihailovic's anti-communist *chetniks* as well as with the Communist mountaineers, each side almost as ready to fight the other as the Germans.

It was a murderous muddle. Prisoners were killed without compunction or question, and were lucky if they did not have their fingers cut off one by one first, or were not treated to a Byzantine execution by impaling. Treachery and paranoia about treachery were extreme, even by Balkan standards. The communist partisans carried a secret radio set for communication with Moscow for miles and months of terrible hardship over the mountains, without ever letting their British comrades into the secret. There is alarming evidence that one of the devious intelligence agents being used by the British in Sofia himself organized the execution of one of the British officers by the Germans, as part of a royalist attempt to stop Bulgaria going communist.

The chief British guerrilla was Frank Thompson, Winchester, New College, intellectual, and a committed communist, in contrast to other earnest young Oxbridge men of the Thirties, and since for that matter, who have combined varying degrees of left wing theory with a uniformly high degree of cultural and intellectual snobbery. Thompson was inspired by the example of T. E. Lawrence and Orde Wingate's theories of deep penetration warfare. With megalomania matched by his innocence he saw himself leading his private army of Bulgarian partisans into Sofia, as Lawrence had led the Arabs into Damascus.

But the Bulgarians of the towns were less enthusiastic than the Macedonians about being liberated by the wild men from the mountains where only the wolves felt at home. The long march through the mountains and *planinas* was a one-way road to running battle, treachery, disaster, starvation, and ultimate execution. Men, women, and children survived, if they did survive, by hibernating for months like animals in subterranean holes.

Today there is a Thompson railway station named after Frank Thompson in Bulgaria, and he has become a minor *haidouk* or Bulgarian folk hero. His exploits have never been officially recognized by the British. His chronicler, Stowers Johnson, suggests that this is because the military Establishment was afraid of creating another Lawrentian myth. A more probable explanation is that failures, however heroic, are not news in that landscape littered with heroic failures.

Although Thompson's mission was an entirely predictable tactical failure, it can be argued that it had some strategic success. It attracted large numbers of German troops to an imaginary Second Front in the central Balkans, away from the Red Armies and the real Second Front in Normandy. The Bulgarian adventure also tied up the Royal Bulgarian Army, and deterred it from advancing to crush the Macedonian partisans.

The book, based on 12 years of study and travel in the Soviet Union and the Balkans, also lifts a dirty curtain on the havoc and murder that Kim Philby brought down on British intelligence operations in the Balkans after the war. It is a compelling, ugly, Balkan story. But if you are going to drag your readers through such rangled geography and politics, you discourage them by inconsistency in spelling names, a deficient map showing only a small selection of the places mentioned, the absence of an index, and occasionally stilted and inaccurate English. However it is an interesting addition to the popular genre of partisan journey by the British through the Balkans, with a knife in one's back, a radio transmitter on a donkey, and several skeletons in the cupboard.

Philip Howard

(*Agents Extraordinary* by Stowers Johnson is published by Robert Hale, £3.)

Suffering 'fools' gladly for the sake of a good argument

A paragraph in the *Evening Standard* that I was to stop editing the *Spectator* and was taking three months off led to an invitation to try my hand at what they called a "phone-in" at London Broadcasting. At that time—October, 1973—I had little idea of what London Broadcasting, or independent radio, was, and still less idea of what was a "phone-in". I thought it was some kind of radio parlour game. Willing to try anything (almost) once, I said I'd give it a go. In the event, I have been conducting a weekday morning phone-in, *Open Line*, for LBC ever since. And what have I learnt or concluded, as a result?

Friends and acquaintances frequently ask me how is it that I do not lose my temper at the "fools" I have to deal with. Such friends and acquaintances display their ignorance not only of me but of the public. I suffer ignorant fools reasonably gladly: it is the educated and knowledgeable ones I can't stand, and tend, in my less charitable moments, to see off. Without (I hope) being unduly sentimental about the "man in the street", I have never despised common or popular opinion, and have instead thought that more residual common sense was likely to be found in the streets, factories, clubs, pubs, shops and homes of the commonalty than in the avenues, offices and residences of our various elites. This attitude is what is often described as "high Tory" or "populist"; these are not phrases I like or properly understand; but if I am to be tagged, then so be it—better than to be tagged "moderate", or to be an apostle of "consensus" or an advocate of governments of "national unity".

The disclaimers in the above paragraph are necessary, otherwise many people will never understand how it is that I do not lose my temper with some of my callers, or how it is that I despise the human race no more now, after the best (or worst) part of two years with *Open Line*, than I did before I started, and possibly even less. It is my considered view that it were far better for the prejudices of popular opinion to be uttered and understood—and if possible politically to be grasped—than for them continually to be dismissed with that contumely characteristic of our own sometimes governing but more usually misgoverning class. Part of our current distemper is to be attributed to the distaste felt by our rulers and their apologists for the opinions, prejudices and desires of the ruled, and the consequential inability of government to appeal to the governed.

The "ungovernability" of this country, frequently discussed in serious newspapers and usually ascribed to the "power" of the trade unions, is, to my mind, chiefly a factor of the ruling class's disapproval of the attitudes and desires of those over whom they seek to maintain and to exercise authority. Put otherwise, although our rulers invariably talk of government "by consent" they do not endeavour seriously to establish that consent, except on their own terms. That is, it is the ruled who are supposed to consent to the policies of their rulers, rather than that a compromise—genuine consent—be established, or that the rulers give in to the appetites of the ruled. Some will argue that this last stage has now arrived; but I discern no real evidence of this whatsoever. Instead, what is all too obvious is the *fear* of such a condition supervening; and it is this fear which breeds the current apocalyptic hysteria of much "informed" comment.

We may seem to have moved some way from the commonplace exchanges of phone-in broadcasts such as *Open Line*, and indeed in a fashion so we have. A great deal of such broadcasting has to do with people complaining about other people getting too much, or themselves too little, out of the Department of Health and Social Security; and there is usually not much to say or do about such calls. There is not much to be done, either, about someone who has turned her canary into an alcoholic. Occasionally such callers realize a kind of surreal poetry, as with the woman whose nephew, each May 10, having bought two parrots, would place one each in his pair of wellington boots and put the boots on and plodge around the room until the parrots were killed. "What should I do?" she asked me. The best I could think of was to tell her to get her nephew to a doctor and warn off the local pet shops, well in advance of May 10 next, to sell parrots in pairs.

But there are humdrum times, and more than one might expect, who calls produce beneficial results. Last week a woman ran up about a 90-years-old neighbour whose electricity supply had been ripped out and whom the local social services, when telephoned, had declined immediately to help. Within minutes of her broadcast, the appropriate local authority was on to say they were looking into the matter urgently; within two hours the local electricity board had reconnected the electricity supply and tidied up the loose wires; and a doctor had called and had undertaken to arrange for her admission to hospital within a matter of days. Radio, here, may be said to be usurping the function of the local press but there is reason to believe that radio in such cases is both swifter and more efficacious. It probably frightens officials more, or maybe it is that it not only sounds, but is, more immediate and urgent.

Nevertheless, any defence—if defence is required—of phone-in programmes would not rest, I think, upon their ability to redress local grievances. What these programmes amount to is an extension of the democratic process; and those who object to such programmes, and who cannot understand how people like me can stand them, will usually be discovered among those who are most suspicious of any democratic process. Phone-ins are a form of anti-élitism; and the natural élitists naturally distrust them and those who conduct them.

Having, for getting on for two years, conducted such a programme, I accept that they contain dangers. Phone-ins are susceptible to pressure groups, and in my experience the most efficient are the National Front and the Zionists. Once we get on to immigration or the Middle East, it becomes difficult to move away; and we have to prune and trim the callers as best we may. Some think we do not do enough such pruning and trimming; but I am not sure that to take a hard line would be helpful. Frequently those with extravagant views damn themselves far better than ever I could do: so let them have rope. Another regular topic concerns council housing; and here I think there is a growing sufficiency of evidence of an intensifying class hostility. To air such hostility does not, I think, increase it. Airing dissipates, not concentrates.

Which remark may suggest that phone-ins are neither more nor less than safety valves. Well, there is nothing the matter with safety valves. But, although I think they are safety valves, they are something more: not much, perhaps, but a little. They enable people who would not otherwise be able to do so, to address themselves to the public at large; to engage in discussion with those who normally pontificate unchallenged; to dispute; to dissent. When we have Cabinet or shadow Cabinet ministers on the programme people can argue directly and publicly with those who are, or have been, or hope to be in authority over them: and all this is no bad thing. Phone-ins allow people access to "the media" in a way they have never had before. People talking on phone-ins are not people writing highly selected and sub-edited Letters to the Editor, or people picked with cunning discrimination to act the part of "the public" on television programmes tightly controlled by producers and directors. I do not pretend that people who "phone in" are typical; but it does now seem to me that they are nearer the ordinary, and are certainly more representative of those who are impassioned or concerned or distressed or dismayed, than any other sample one would be likely to encounter. Although encountering them is not without its sometime drudgery, to tangle with them is also in its way a privilege; and it may be that in that tangling, in that essentially political conversation between strangers, not only does a democratic process take place but possibly a mutually educational one also.

George Gale

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Too many houses and not enou[gh] homes

In our relatively affluent society there are still 12,000,000 people living in slum conditions. Why have we failed so miserably to eradicate this housing scar from our national conscience? Why are we apparently incapable of satisfying such a basic human need?

Though Britain does not devote as high a proportion of its gross national product to housing as do most other advanced industrial nations, and though the number of houses completed last year for every 1,000 people was well below that of other countries in the EEC, a significant proportion of the country's income is allocated to housing.

We need more money, of course, but the British economy is in desperate straits, so we should spend what little cash there is available as effectively as possible. If the proportion of our gnp for housing is kept at about four per cent for the next few years, we should count ourselves fortunate. More cash would be nice, but that is cloud cuckoo land.

In my opinion, the lack of proper distribution of resources is one of the chief causes of our continuing housing problem. I am only too aware of the large number of sharks that lurk in the murky waters of housing finance. But as someone who has been involved on the receiving end for the past 20 years, I would like to describe some of the anomalies which frustrate our efforts.

First of all, land. This accounts for between 15 and 30 per cent of the initial cost of a dwelling in medium density development. It is to be hoped that the new Government legislation will, if successful, help to reduce this, but what saddens me is that governments were not more successful in eliminating land speculation when they tried twice before.

Large amounts of public money and equally scarce resources of manpower in the construction industry are spent on management and routine maintenance of rented dwellings. In the present system of financial control we are making entirely false economies in the quality of material and specification that we use, and are therefore building excessively-high maintenance costs into dwellings which will stand for the next 60 to 100 years.

Another anomaly is that, as personal income increases, so does the size of the mortgage that can be obtained and of the Exchequer subsidy in income-tax relief. The subsidies at present available to owner occupiers do not help those households that most need them.

The forces which have led to the decline of the private landlord, mainly taxation and rent control, have also led to the deterioration of a large stock of sound dwellings. [illegible] a car for 20 years, [illegible] change the oil, or fe[illegible] the bits which wear [illegible] or later you will ne[illegible] keep it on the road.

As a result of the [illegible]ent mechanisms th[illegible] finance is provide[illegible] interest charges on [illegible] for rent are four ti[illegible] as the loan charges [illegible] dwellings built in [illegible] "subsidy" to the [illegible]pier of a £10,000 h[illegible] 90 per cent mort[illegible] average of £160 a [illegible] years, while the [illegible] with a rent of £6 a [illegible] public sector wo[illegible] "subsidy" of £1[illegible] over 60 years.

The net result [illegible] Hatter's world of [illegible]ance is that we are [illegible] the most extraordin[illegible] On the one hand, [illegible] have long queues [illegible] housing, the major[illegible] queueing would rat[illegible] house but cannot a[illegible] the other hand, the [illegible] taxpayer of buildi[illegible] for owner occupati[illegible]ently considerably [illegible] building a house [illegible] public authority.

Present attitude[illegible] owner-occupied a[illegible] accommodation are [illegible]ficial and socially [illegible] There is ample ev[illegible] most households, in[illegible] income households, [illegible] at the opportunity [illegible] their own home.

The lack of [illegible] organization of the [illegible] responsible for th[illegible]ment of housing a[illegible]butes to our failur[illegible] Britain as a whole [illegible] surplus of houses [illegible]holds, there are s[illegible] shortages. Greater [illegible] example, needs 210,[illegible] by 1981. Yet those [illegible] trying to get houses [illegible] that they are wres[illegible] blancmange.

They have to co[illegible] an economic cycle in [illegible] construction indust[illegible] make long term [illegible] with a yardstick sys[illegible] seems to have been [illegible] by a reincarnated [illegible] to inhibit quality [illegible] with a situation in [illegible] authorities can easil[illegible] the intentions of Par[illegible] not seizing the op[illegible] created by enabling [illegible] and with the absen[illegible] national housing [illegible] which defines the [illegible] states the objecti[illegible] describes the means [illegible]ing them.

Fred Lloyd

The author is genera[illegible] of Milton Keynes de[illegible] corporation, and his [illegible] summarized from an [illegible] the Royal Institute [illegible] Architects earlier this [illegible]

The Times Diary

English in a nasty situation

Readers have kept up a good flow of situation reports, which show that the situation situation, as those who employ redundant words would say, is getting steadily worse.

Northumberland County Council are advertising a post which they say offers opportunities "in an active grass roots social work situation". A witness told an industrial tribunal at Bury St Edmunds that the reason for someone's dismissal had been a "straw that breaks the camel's back situation".

The *Daily Mail* said that a recent television programme was about "the flat-sharing situation", and the National Union of Journalists, no less, on an official ballot form is asking its members whether editors should be permitted to work "during strike situations".

One reader found two examples in the *Leicester Mercury* for August 13. The motoring columnist wrote "when you get into an 'accident situation'", and a court report mentioned "living in a 'marital situation'". The quotation marks round both phrases seem to indicate that the writers knew they were doing wrong when they typed them.

Another found three examples in two adjacent paragraphs of a prospectus issued by the Central London Polytechnic's school of management studies. Between "problem situations" and "special interview situations" they had squeezed in a reference to "experiencing the practical situations", which means practical experience.

No one has yet equalled the achievement of C. Howes of Coulsdon though. He has sent a list of 15 examples, collected over the past 18 months. Almost all come from the BBC with *The World at One* and *Radio Times* vying with each other to be the most prolific source. The most glaring instance he collected was a reference to "a child in an essay-writing situation". That came from an Open University programme about correct English, which seems to sum up the situation.

Unsporting

Efforts by the new city of Milton Keynes to stage Britain's first International Sport Film and Television Festival have received no encouragement from the BBC, the country's most prolific producer of sporting footage. The Corporation's decision not to enter the festival has led to allegations of churlishness by the organizers.

Michael Seligman, director-general of the festival announcing details of the event in London yesterday, said that independent television companies had submitted 13 films, and that there had been good support from foreign film makers and broadcasting organizations in places as far apart as the United States and Hungary.

Sam Leitch, the BBC's head of sport, explained that the Corporation's refusal to take part stemmed largely from thorny problems of film rights. In addition, the BBC sports department is preoccupied with arranging its own international seminar for sports producers to be held in London in October. Besides, Leitch said, the BBC concentrates on straightforward action coverage, and makes few of the feature-type sports films which festival judges like.

Progress

It is good to be able to report that Westminster City Council have been spurred to action by our reports about their collapsing lamp standards, rotted at the bases by canine urine. Workmen have been digging foundations for new cast-iron lamp standards near Council House itself.

Replacements are also being posted apace in Upper Montagu Street, although when last visited Bryanston Square still had a wobbly pole with a heavily corroded bottom outside a students' hostel in the south-west corner. The danger is not, of course, confined to lamp standards. Some traffic signs in the area have tottered too, and the site of a recent fall in Wyndham Place still shows that electricity wires can be left dangerously exposed when collapses occur.

Alan Finkle, whose home is by the lamp standard whose collapse we reported last week, says that he collected convincing evidence that the area's incontinent canines were largely to blame. He counted 34 footpath foulings in 20 minutes. Yet when he took his three-year-old son behind a tree in Regent's Park for a similar purpose, he says, a passer-by objected furiously.

From the area of Harrods come disturbing reports that councils which place their faith in a switch to concrete standards may soon find themselves disappointed. Kensington and Chelsea's posts, recently installed specifically to avoid the danger of corrosion at the base, have metal plates which shield the switch gear and cables. Dozens are missing, hanging loose, or secured only by string or wire, and the damage is evident around Egerton Gardens and down the Brompton Road.

There is no conclusive evidence this time that dogs are to blame, but concerned residents point out that the metal appendages of their concrete posts are well within large dogs' range. They are also worried because their parking meter posts are made of corrodible steel.

André Tortle head the station announcer at Herne Hill say: "Would passengers please not board the train now standing at Platform 2 because it does not stop here".

Going up

The London Chamber of Commerce presented Britain's Top Secretary for 1975 yesterday. Christina Eveleigh had the highest score in their private secretary's diploma examination, and was promptly whisked away by photographers to sit by a typewriter in the ruins of the Temple of Mithras round the corner.

Previous winners have suffered worse indignities: one was asked to take her chance on a tightrope over the Thames which happened to be in place while she was in London, and another, who studied yoga, had to pose for the rest of the morning in the lotus and other positions.

Mrs Eveleigh said that secretaries were underemployed. She thought bosses should all spend a day in the secretary's chair. "If they had to answer phone calls and deal with the constant interruptions, they would know why they can't always have it done ten minutes ago, and if there was a lull, they could sit and file their nails", she said, with a hint of venom.

The people from the London Chamber said that they had identified 198 functions secretaries might be expected to perform in a single day, but Mrs Eveleigh has already got away from all that. Her old boss, she said, "used to type his own letters, very much against my will", but when her department of Portsmouth Council was reorganized she got his job. Now she does her own letters, but soon she hopes she will have a secretary of her own.

Were there hidden pockets of violence during our recent national upheaval? A holiday-maker returning from the Fens described to a friend the beauties of Ely Cathedral, where there are some wooden headless figures which "lost their heads at the time of the Referendum".

Aims

Vin Bootle, programme controller of Radio London, was shooting bows and arrows in Hamleys toy shop yesterday; he was surrounded by eager children, parents jaded at the end of the summer holidays, and a hopeful reporter who had thought this would be a tasting of British wine.

"Fingers under the chin, fingers under the chin", was Bootle's refrain as lads with more enthusiasm than accuracy took aim at the huge, much-scarred target.

Bootle, a keen archer, had volunteered his service[illegible] boost the sport. He ha[illegible] along his own e[illegible] including a lethal-look[illegible] which had cost £70. [illegible] customers were expecte[illegible] fibreglass bows with [illegible]mings starting at £7.

None of his pupils [illegible] much money. Archery [illegible] cheap pastime, but [illegible] suggested that people [illegible] to start should join [illegible] where they could use t[illegible]ment rather than spen[illegible] much on gear at the be[illegible]

Sure thing

In what *Newsweek* [illegible] Dullsville, Washington [illegible] yawned over Senator [illegible] Thurmond's announcem[illegible] his wife is to have thei[illegible] child in January.

The news, despite th[illegible] attitude here, resides i[illegible]ages. The fierce old rig[illegible] Democrat-turned-Republ[illegible] 73, his wife Nancy, a [illegible] Miss South Carolina, [illegible] writes a local newspaper [illegible] entitled *Mother's Medic*[illegible]

The *Washington Sta*[illegible] tending it did not reall[illegible] to record the announ[illegible] wrote: "The couple's ab[illegible] produce children with res[illegible] is the only thing left in [illegible]ington that is a [illegible] certainty."

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UTTING IT SQUARELY

Prime Minister has the right the duty to seek the widest sible acceptance of the Gov- ment's policies for getting m the rate of inflation. The ective is of paramount onal importance. The means chieving it, as expounded in month's White Paper "The ack on Inflation" and in eches by the Prime Minister Chancellor of the Exchequer, imperfect but they are, so to ak, the only policy we've Its success will depend equal measure on the Govern- t's steadfastness in pursuing and the public's recognition its necessity and approbation its fairness. Hence the pub- ty barrage inaugurated by Mr son's broadcast and the ertisements placed in yester- 's newspapers.

reactions to Mr Wilson on the are as familiar by now as performance itself, whether appears as the scourge of the ries or in the earnest role of nation's guide, philosopher l friend. Reaction is always, a word, mixed. However, the tter on this occasion was suit- y grave and purified of jibes. stated squarely what is wrong l part of what is necessary to t it right. He was more open out the prospective fall in liv- standards than he and his leagues have chosen to be so and if, when he said that in coming months the living ndards of very many people uld fall, he had said "most ople", he would have achieved unvarnished truth.

ut in one respect Mr Wilson not do justice to his own icy. His broadcast largely d the first of the advertise- nts wholly) concentrated on t part of the policy which concerns administered income and price restraint. It is an important part of the policy but it is not the most important part.

Incomes policy is not a draught to purge the system of inflation; its function is to alleviate the painful withdrawal symptoms. The curative agent belongs to fiscal and monetary policy—reduction in the rate of growth of public expenditure, restrictive control of the money supply, the avoidance of expensive "job preservation" rescue operations when recession bites. The reduction by semi-voluntary, semi-statutory means of the recent inordinate levels of wage increases is a secondary operation, a device for mitigating the worst of the consequential unemployment—for depressing living standards slightly and generally instead of more violently and more partially by heavier loss of employment.

The counter-attack on inflation is not contained in the TUC's recommendation of a £6 a week flat increase in the twelve months from August 1 or in the Government's endorsement of it. These are useful but second-order measures. (And that is just as well for there is already a scholastic dispute as to whether the £6 is a limit or an entitlement. The TUC, which wrote the text of the policy, intended the "universal application of the figure of £6 per week": the Government, which adopted it unaltered, prefers to think of the £6 as "a maximum, not as an automatic rise for everyone", and the same conflict of interpretation is found between yesterday's official advertisement and yesterday's remarks by Mr Len Murray.) The counter-attack on inflation is contained rather in the recession-induced nervousness of employees about their jobs, inability of employers to pay further wage increases of recent magnitude, and in the lower level of economic activity. And so it must remain until inflationary expectations are broken.

The policy and its many disagreeable consequences would be better understood if its mechanics were more clearly revealed. It is not to be expected that the proposed £2m publicity campaign will contribute to that end. It is a dubious undertaking anyway. Governments may legitimately spend public money in disseminating information about laws or policies which individual citizens need to know; and they may spend money on particular non-political and relatively uncontroversial propaganda campaigns; like the promotion of road safety or the dissuasion of cigarette smokers. So much is agreed. But there is or ought to be a clear line dividing that sort of publicity from publicity designed to induce a more favourable public response to general government policies, which are necessarily both political and controversial.

Besides, £2m worth of professionally prepared advertisements and leaflets is not going to form public attitudes. To win the consent Ministers need for their policies and the nation needs for its recovery, Ministers will have to argue the case for their policies every inch of the way, with tireless conviction, in a dynamic political situation. And they will have to be seen to be holding to their policies resolutely and consistently. The Prime Minister set the tone well last night, but it is only the beginning of a long march.

HE PORTUGUESE COMMUNISTS AT BAY

e situation in Portugal is now confused that almost any ouvement is imaginable. The y thing very difficult to agine is that the present vernment can stay in office re than a few days longer at most. For at least a week now has been clear that the Prime nister, General Vasco Gon- ves, has little or no support side the Communist Party and closest fellow-travellers. They least were still proclaiming on nday night, at a well-organized ss meeting in the working- ss Lisbon suburb of Almada, t they would stick by "com- ion Vasco" to the very last. but yesterday the Communist ty itself appeared to be paring to desert its protégé, it urged its members and pporters to take part in a monstration in support of the olutionary plan put forward t week by Copcon, the internal urity force. This plan con- ed many implicit criticisms General Gonçalves's govern- nt, as well as an explicit attack his supporters in the Fifth vision of the General Staff, the t-prop and public relations partment of the Armed Forces vement which had been carry- on a vigorous campaign on Prime Minister's behalf.

The same plan also attacked Communist Party itself for "attempts to control the state paratus", and the non-party monstration in support of the n last night was called by extreme-left groups which are violently opposed to the Communists. That the Communist Party itself should urge its members to take part is thus a remarkable sign of the straits to which its crassly misconceived strategy has reduced it. The popular backlash against the Communists in northern and central Portugal is so strong that in many places the party is now no more able to operate openly than it was under Dr Caetano's dictatorship.

Although the church has certainly played an important part in whipping up this popular anger, the primary cause is the behaviour of the Communists themselves since last year's revolution. Emerging from clandestinity as the only organized political force of any size in the country, they exploited this by seizing control of local government, the trade unions and most of the mass media, and refused wherever possible to let their leadership be contested in a free election. By expanding their influence within the Armed Forces Movement they apparently hoped to repeat this manoeuvre at the level of central government. But the attempt was too blatant, and now the overwhelming majority of the armed forces themselves appears to be turning against them.

The "moderate" manifesto published on August 7 by Major Melo Antunes and eight other officers has served to reveal the true state of mind of the armed forces. The attempt by General Gonçalves's supporters to suppress the manifesto and demote its authors backfired completely, as officers all over the country came out in its favour. This manifesto remains the only visible basis for a non-violent and democratic evolution, since it recognizes the crucial importance of the April election result, of the freedom of the press, and of political parties. The rival plan put forward by Copcon, though equally critical of the present set-up and the Communists' role in it, is thoroughly unsatisfactory because it boils down to government by show of hands.

Some officers are said to have supported both plans, which simply shows how muddle-headed they are. General Otelo de Carvalho, the Copcon commander, is reported to be throwing in his lot with the "moderates", in spite of his well-known views on the need to round up opponents of the revolution in the city bull-ring. The "moderates" may need his support to get rid of General Gonçalves, but it is to be hoped they can prevent him from imposing his views. In any case they need to get a move on, for if the present polarization between communists and anti-communists is allowed to continue they may find themselves swallowed up by it, and Portugal's last chance of democracy with them.

IKINGS BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY TO MARS

ns for landing two American ing spacecraft on Mars next r have been plagued by tech- al difficulties that delayed launching of the vehicles lier this month. The launch s deferred until yesterday. As s is the most ambitious and tly experiment devised for loring the solar system with manned craft carrying scienti- instruments, preparations for launch have been carried out h meticulous care. The equip- nt has also been prepared in cial sterile laboratories be- se part of the research is to k for evidence that life exists has existed—perhaps in a very mitive form—on another net. Many scientists believe loration by unmanned space- ft is a much more worthwhile leavour than the many times re expensive activity of send- men into orbit. An impressive loration of the planets and er studies with orbiting space servatories could be conducted a fraction of the cost of de- oping the reusable rockets in- ded to put men into space in four to five years' time. A highly successful mission with the two Vikings could settle the issue.

The Viking spacecraft have much in common with the much earlier unmanned devices used to carry out a reconnaissance on the moon long before the first astronauts of Apollo II set foot on the surface. Much more elaborate instruments are being employed to scoop samples from the "red planet" for examination by robot analysers. But the same method is being exploited whereby a vehicle approaches Mars, goes into orbit round the planet and then separates into two spacecraft—one is called a Lander and the other an Orbiter. Thus with two Vikings, a total of four spacecraft are released to provide two automatic laboratories on the surface and two circling the planet taking pictures and relaying messages from the Landers back to Earth.

Part of the search for signs of simple forms of living organisms is to be done by scooping surface material into special incubators. At various times these specimens will be monitored by highly sensitive apparatus to detect any signs of organic activity.

Suggestions have been made that Mars is in the middle of an ice-age. Simple organisms buried close to the surface might, therefore, be in a dormant state. Hence the incubation method. Mars has at intervals stimulated more curiosity than almost any other object in the solar system because of the indications that it might be capable of supporting some form of life. Television pictures sent to Earth from a spacecraft flying past the planet a few years ago shattered many of these ideas by showing a cratered and hostile looking place. Three years ago the picture changed again when more detailed exploration from space showed another face of a planet which was evolving in a different way from the Moon. In just over twelve months time the mysteries of possible sources of water, a thin but curious atmosphere and other questions may be answered.

emoval of dead elms

nn Mr W. R. Lewington

. The subject of elm disease has n well aired in your correspon- ce columns and this has demon- ted again widespread concern in country. At the end of 1974 over million elms were dead or dying. the end of this hot, dry summer haps another million trees will e succumbed to the disease. The will no doubt continue among remaining estimated 15 to 18 lion elms until the disease dies n, maybe for want of a host.

everal years ago the problem s to arrest the spread of the dis- e. Clearly, this is no longer pos- le. Instead we now have two main blems: one of safety and the e of replacement. Standing dead s will decay with the onset of d rotting fungal diseases. As ht follows day, so will those dead elms fall. The time is fast approaching when this will become a major problem. To ignore it would be foolish. To delay until rotten elms everywhere pose a danger to people would be amoral. By then, too, there would be an unreasonable level of risk for the timber fellers and contractors called upon to remove the trees.

The scale of the problem is daunting and so is its cost. In the present financial situation, local authorities could hardly be expected to shoulder the burden. There is general acceptance that lack of funds in all quarters is a real limitation. Nevertheless the acting council of the Arboricultural Association, after discussing the matter, feels that it would be right to call upon the Government to take the lead by forming a widely representative working party to look into the present situation and to make recommendations within a short time for a national policy with estimated costs.

It is hoped that the investigation would cover the possible salvaging and storage of still useful elm timber for slow release to the home trade, the means to expand resources for felling and disposing of the trees, the question of replacements for the elms in our scenery and the establishment of a National Elm Fund to cover hardship cases and to provide incentives for action according to priorities suggested by the working party.

Yours faithfully,
W. R. LEWINGTON,
Chairman of Acting Council,
Arboricultural Association,
Wollerton House,
Newport Road,
Gnosall,
Stafford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cigarettesmoking and lungcancer

From Professor G. P. Stoker, FRS

Sir, According to your report of August 18, 19[illegible] Professor Burch disagrees with a widely held view, based on statistical evidence, that cigarette smoking is the principal cause of lung cancer. He, nevertheless, subscribes to the opinion, which many other scientists would share, that cancer is commonly caused by random damage to the genetic apparatus, ie, mutation. If so, he might agree that substances which raise the frequency of mutation might also increase the risk of cancer. On these grounds alone, then, cigarettes are dangerous because new laboratory tests developed in the United States have shown that cigarette smoke actively stimulates mutation.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL STOKER,
Director of Research,
Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratories,
PO Box No 123,
Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.
August 20.

From Dr C. M. Fletcher and Dr Keith Ball

Sir, Some of your readers might be confused by the opinions of Professor Burch in *The Times* of August 18. It is important that they should recognize that he stands almost alone in believing that cigarette smoking is not the most important cause of lung cancer. He achieves this isolation by concentrating on the few findings which superficially appear to conflict with the evidence of many epidemiological studies. This evidence has convinced medical and scientific committees of many countries that cigarette smoking is the cause of the great rise in lung cancer deaths in recent years.

Professor Burch's attempts over several years to convince scientists of his viewpoint have completely failed. The interesting question is why he should choose to ignore so much of the evidence which is contrary to his conclusions. If by promulgating his extreme minority opinions he could dissuade but a few cigarette smokers from attempting to rid themselves of this lethal habit, he is carrying a heavy responsibility.

Unlike physicians, Professor Burch has no responsibility for the care of patients. Practising doctors who daily see the needless suffering caused by cigarette smoking will be angered by the publicity given to these extraordinary and dangerous views.

Yours faithfully,
C. M. FLETCHER, Chairman,
K. BALL, Hon Secretary,
ASH, Action on Smoking and Health,
79 York Road, SE1.
August 19.

Workers on the board

From Mr Martyn Sloman

Sir, In objecting to the role of the trade union movement in the appointment of worker directors Mr Mackworth-Young, in his letter of August 13, ignores the central issue in industrial democracy.

Trade unions should certainly be used as the mechanism for the appointment of worker directors. This is not to impose an intermediary, any more than a superannuation fund imposes an intermediary between a worker and his investments, but because this is the only way to ensure that industrial democracy results in a complete change in company structure.

Representation through trade union channels is needed to prevent the worker director experiment degenerating into a series of glorified canteen committees. Many industrial organizations have had worker representatives on the canteen committee for years; the food doesn't improve and the worker representatives share the blame.

Basing industrial democracy on the trade union movement implies a recognition of the pluralistic nature of industry, and an admission that the interests of employees can and do conflict with the interests of the board. Trade union representatives on the board provide a known and accepted channel, with a right to recall, for these conflicts to be resolved. No doubt, given the disgraceful class composition of the boards of United Kingdom companies, any leavening with people from the shop floor would be a good thing. I submit, however, that industrial democracy should be something more.

Yours faithfully,
MARTYN SLOMAN,
19 Kingsdown Road, N19.

Church of Soviet Georgia

From Professor David Marshall Lang

Sir, Mr Peter Reddaway has resumed his attack on the Georgian Orthodox Patriarchate (August 16), and also implies that I myself am guilty of neglect of duty, and of distortion.

During the past fortnight I have been in close touch with the Georgian communities in London and Paris, also with the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius. I have collected a great deal of documentation.

From Paris I learn that the so-called "Report of Procurator Koridze", which forms the nub of Mr Reddaway's case against Patriarch David, is generally considered apocryphal. This document is no novelty, having been in circulation there for many months. The Paris Georgians regard it as a transparent forgery, written in a pastiche of Soviet bureaucratic prose. No-one has met or even heard of this "senior official" Koridze, whose very existence is discounted.

For the record, I have no connexion whatever with Keston College, nor have I any means of checking, let alone censoring, this body's publications in advance. I had never been invited to go there by Father Bourdeaux or anyone else.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID LANG,
Professor of Caucasian Studies,
School of Oriental and African Studies,
University of London,
Malet Street, WC1.

Sentencing of Birmingham bombers

From Mr Justice Bridge

Sir, I take the wholly exceptional course of writing to you in the hope of forestalling further ill-informed comment which misleads the public as to the significance of my omission to recommend a minimum term of imprisonment to be served by the six men convicted of murder at Lancaster last Friday. I draw attention to four aspects of the matter.

First, yesterday's *Sunday Express* had the impertinence to suggest, by way of comment attributed to an anonymous "Birmingham lawyer", that my decision to make no recommendation must have been taken after consultation with some members of the Government. This suggestion is, of course, totally unfounded. I consulted no one. The decision was mine alone. If it was erroneous, the error was mine alone.

Secondly, certain features of the jurisdiction to make such a recommendation, conferred by the Murder (Abolition of Death Penalty) Act, 1965, are now well known to the judiciary—which I believe accounts for the very infrequent exercise of this jurisdiction in recent years—but are still largely unappreciated by the general public. Such a recommendation is not subject to appeal. It has no statutory effect save as a formal expression of the trial judge's view; irrespective of any recommendation, the Home Secretary is under an obligation to consult the Lord Chief Justice and the trial judge, if available, before releasing a convicted murderer on licence. But while it recommends a minimum term, it is likely to be misunderstood by the public and the prisoner alike as suggesting the maximum term that should be served before release.

Thirdly, the widespread assumption that a life sentence without such a recommendation means at most, say, 12 to 15 years imprisonment has no justification. Since the Act of 1965 has only been in force for ten years, we have no experience yet of how the Parole Board and the Home Secretary will exercise their discretion in the worst murder cases, which would formerly have attracted the death penalty.

Fourthly, I see no reason to anticipate that either the Parole Board or any Home Secretary in future years will need reminding, by the presence of a statutory recommendation on the file, of the enormity of the crime committed by those who planted the bombs which killed 21 and injured 161 in two public houses in Birmingham.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL BRIDGE,
Royal Courts of Justice, WC2.
August 18.

Agricultural tied cottages

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers

Sir, Mr Michael Jopling, MP (August 14), asserts that there has been no satisfactory explanation why agricultural tied cottages have been especially singled out in the Government's recently published consultative document on abolition of the tied cottage system in agriculture. I would suggest that Mr Jopling gives the consultative document a somewhat closer reading and conducts a little research into those other industries where the tied cottage system exists.

The obvious example is the mining industry where, following the massive rundown over recent years, the industry has been left with a situation where there are many times more colliery cottages than there are miners to occupy them. Moreover, the mining industry has but one employer, viz, the NCB, and it is relatively simple to adopt a policy capable of universal application. The fact of the matter is that the NCB have set up a "letting committee" at each colliery on which the National Union of Mineworkers is represented. Indeed, on many such letting committees, the miners' representatives are in a majority—a situation only possible where there is in effect a substantial surplus of colliery cottages. It must also be said that the average miner would have no undue difficulty in obtaining mortgage facilities should he wish to join the ranks of the owner-occupier.

In no way can this be compared with the situation in agriculture where there are 70,000 individual employers and something in the order of 100,000 tied farm cottages, the occupants of whom can have no prospect of ever being in a position to obtain mortgage facilities and relatively few of whom can even be sure of obtaining council accommodation in retirement or should they be unable to continue in agriculture, due to ill health or injury.

This is not the crux of the problem, however; the stark fact of the matter is that the tied cottage system in agriculture perpetuates a system of labour control which is now regarded as one of the last relics of feudalism, serving only to act as a depressant on wages and working conditions. No doubt Mr Jopling and his co-correspondent, Mr Juniper, would advance the well-worn argument that the system facilitates mobility of labour, but is that movement of labour by free choice? In the experience of the NUAAW, which deals with some 1,500 cases annually, the answer is clearly "no". The farm worker does not have the travelling instincts of a Romany. Like most other people, he seeks only a fair return for his labour, in acceptable conditions, and the opportunity to put down roots. What the system does, however, is to place him in a position where, should he suffer illness or injury or have a disagreement with his employer, not only is his employment in jeopardy, but also the security of his family.

It follows from this that the mobility of labour factor in reality disguises what I would describe as traffic in misery. This is demonstrated in countless cases where a farm worker, facing the threat of eviction in one part of the country is obliged to uproot himself and his family from the community and take up employment perhaps several hundred miles away, not because he has found the position of sufficient attraction to merit sacrifice, but from the sheer necessity to find a home for his family as quickly as possible. The effect this has upon his morale, and possibly the education of his children, needs little imagination to visualize.

No, Mr Jopling, the Government is not reacting to pressure from a left wing Labour Party minority. On the contrary, it is simply honouring a solemn undertaking given to agricultural workers and in so doing has listened very carefully over recent years to every conceivable argument advanced for and against retention of the system, and should not be criticized at this stage for announcing its intention to legislate in a form that gives every opportunity to Mr Jopling and people who think like him to express their views.

Yours faithfully,
REGINALD N. BOTTINI,
General Secretary,
NUAAW,
Headland House,
308 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

From the President of the British Veterinary Association

Sir, This Association would seek assurances that satisfactory and conveniently placed housing is available for stockmen so that the animals for which they are responsible receive adequate attention at all times. The level of this attention does vary considerably, of course, but it must extend to the dedicated and constant care necessary in dealing with sick and injured animals.

We do not advance this point as a pro or a contra in the matter of "tied cottages" but we would urge all concerned in making the ultimate decisions to have the welfare of livestock in the forefront of their deliberations.

Yours faithfully,
W. D. TAVERNOR, President,
The British Veterinary Association,
7 Mansfield Street, W1.
August 19.

The advanced train

From Mr David Pearson

Sir, Though my home is in Britain I spend considerable periods in Germany where, once a decision is made, government and institutions generally pursue a project to its conclusion with confidence. As Lord Clark pointed out it is not technology which distinguishes civilization but a confidence in the future.

I read today (August 14) with alarm that there is any doubt whatever that the Advanced Passenger Train will come into service by 1980. Yet again Britain has led the world with an innovation which has the potential to improve man's life, and to earn this country foreign respect and currency.

I have no fear that the APT will be developed; but shall we leave it to our fellow Europeans to do? Will this be yet another instance of Britain purchasing the fruits of our own ideas at a later date?

Europe looks to Britain as a centre of civilization. Let us confirm our position with the confidence that a few million pounds spent now is an investment for the future far better than index linked retirement bonds.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. PEARSON,
The Hall,
Wigan, Lancashire.

A parliament for Wales

From Mr Hugh Thomas

Sir, Mr Gwynfor Evans's letter of August 15 repeats the continuous assertion by Plaid Cymru that the Welsh nation demands a Welsh Parliament with legislative powers. He states that the trade unions support this demand and in a previous letter on October 26 he claimed the support of three of the five political parties and other organizations.

A vote by the Welsh TUC on this matter no more represents the views of rank and file trade unionists than a vote at a denominational conference represents the views of church members. When the Welsh TUC realize that subsidies for overmanned Welsh industries would have to come from Cardiff rather than Westminster they may choose to think again.

Of the political parties the Liberal and Labour parties are divided and equivocal and cannot be said to stand for more than a desire for some devolution and a dislike of over-centralization. They certainly do not want the break-up of the United Kingdom. Only two, Plaid Cymru and the Tories, have taken a clear stand on the issue of a Welsh Parliament. Plaid are for it and the Tories against.

It is obvious that anybody who demands a Welsh Parliament must vote for Plaid Cymru and cannot possibly vote Tory although it does not follow that all who voted for Plaid Cymru voted for a Welsh Parliament. There were factors such as Mr Evans's personal following in Carmarthen as will be discovered when he either retires or is taken from us.

In each of the last two general elections the Tory vote was 2½ times the Plaid Cymru vote with a proportionate number of seats. In the last three general elections the Plaid Cymru share of the vote fell successively from 11.5 per cent to 10.7 per cent and the proportion of Welsh voters who want a Welsh Parliament cannot possibly be regarded as more than 10 per cent. What a contrast to the strength of the Irish Nationalist Party and then Sinn Fein during the Home Rule campaign.

Is it not significant that from Plaid Cymru there has not been the slightest whisper of a demand for a referendum on the issue? They would have clamoured for it for years had they thought the result would have been in their favour.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH THOMAS,
Ystradaman,
Pontaman,
Ammanford,
Carmarthenshire.

Abandonment of Headingley Test

From Mr J. R. Tyrie

Sir, I find it quite extraordinary that after the vandalism at Headingley today (August 19) no effort was apparently made

(a) to continue the match on another wicket;
(b) to continue the match on another ground;
(c) to entertain the crowd with a limited over match.

To give in to vandalism in this way is only to encourage its recurrence.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. TYRIE,
John Tyrie & Co Ltd,
6 Laurence Pountney Hill,
Cannon Street, EC4.
August 19.

From Mr E. M. Hall

Sir, It would have been more fitting if the decision about whether or not to continue had been put democratically to all the players. As well as being sporting contests, Test matches are entertainment, and the maxim that "the show must go on" should have due weight, both in fairness to the watching public and as a disincentive to vandals.

Yours faithfully,
E. M. HALL,
6 Fair Mile,
Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.
August 19.

From Dr R. J. Birts

Sir, Bring back the willow.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
ROBIN BIRTS,
Quarry House,
Bourton-on-the-Hill,
Moreton-in-Marsh,
Gloucestershire.
August 19.

Social policy

From Mr Nicholas Scott, Conservative MP for Chelsea

Sir, The Government are reported in your columns of August 18 as establishing a new framework for decisions regarding future social policy. One of the main reasons for the new framework is apparently a coherent approach to deprivation, and in these circumstances it is difficult to understand the apparent rejection of the Labour Government of the idea of the Tax Credit scheme which could replace the present plethora of means-tested benefits with a single, automatic and fair method of responding to need. Had a Conservative Government been returned in February, 1974, such a scheme would almost certainly now be in operation.

However, this Government's approach to social policy has seemed to be to throw money at problems in the hope that they will somehow disappear. Now that money is in short supply this blanket approach is being exposed for the nonsense it always was.

Surely a sensible social policy should look to the individual and the family rather than the group as the focus of concern; it should recognize that the groundwork of any social reform needs to be meticulously prepared and not introduced in response to the clamour of the latest pop pressure group. Changes in policy should, above all, be soundly financed; they should encourage and not discourage private effort; and they should provide for as much choice on the part of the community and "consumer" as possible. If the present Government really want a new and relevant framework for social policy they might do worse than to seek to incorporate these principles into it.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS SCOTT,
House of Commons.
August 18.

Nocturnal bells

From Mr John Connell

Sir, Burglar alarm bells are illegal in Germany and Sweden where they have been replaced by warning lights and silent connexions to security control rooms.

Conflicting interests have prevented us from introducing similar legislation in this country. Insurance companies want to minimize the loot; the insured want to minimize their costs; but the police want to catch the burglar and reduce the number of false alarms, which, in the Metropolitan area alone last year, amounted to 150,000 out of 153,000 attended.

The many letters you have published on this subject may well persuade the parties to reach agreement and thus enable citizens to sleep undisturbed by nocturnal disturbances.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CONNELL, Chairman,
Noise Abatement Society,
6 Old Bond Street, W1.
August 18.

Jubilee celebrations

From Mr K. F. Simonds

Sir, You do a great service to the community by publishing letters under this heading from Mr Roland Freeman and Mr Illtyd Harrington. Let ratepayers everywhere beware of any manifestation of that most boring and extravagant exercise in municipal self-importance — the council jollification.

Robert Browning had it all made when, before the magical appearance of the Pied Piper, the good people of Hamelin:

..."in a body
To the Town Hall came flocking:
T'is clear cried they, our
Mayor's a noddy;
And as for the Corporation—
shocking
To think we buy gowns lined
with ermine
For dolts who can't and won't
determine
What's best to rid us of our
vermin!"

and plenty more besides.

A copy of this excellent work should be in every council chamber.

Yours faithfully,
K. F. SIMONDS,
Kentchurch Old Rectory,
Hereford.
August 18.

SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon celebrates her birthday today.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open an extension to the residential special school run by the National Children's Home at Biddenborough, Kent, on October 7.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new extension of Red Maids School, Bristol, on October 8.

Princess Alexandra will open the new Basingstoke District General Hospital on November 5. Afterwards she will open the Cricklade Complex, which consists of the Andover magistrates' district court house, the Cricklade Technical College and the sports centre.

Lord and Lady Clifford of Chudleigh wish to thank their friends who have written or telephoned about their son, Thomas's accident.

It is impossible to answer all communications personally and they hope that their friends will accept this notice as acknowledgment.

They will not be returning to Devon until some further improvement is shown, though Thomas is making progress.

The Hon Gerald Lascelles is 51 today.

Birthdays today

Air Vice-Marshal W. F. MacNeece Foster, 86; Major-General M. D. Gambier-Parry, 84; Lord Goodman, 62; Mr Malcolm Macmillan, 62; General Sir Richard O'Connor, 86; Sir James Dyer Simpson, 87; Professor J. N. Wright, 79.

Today's engagements

Exhibition of diploma works including paintings, drawings and sculptures, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, 10-6.

Royal Mews open to public, Buckingham Palace Road, 2-4.

Gallery talk: John Constable, by Michelle Sykes, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 2.30.

Band concert: Chelmsford Silver Band, College Garden, Westminster Abbey, 12.30-2.

City walk: Bankside, Shakespeare's London; meet Southwark Cathedral steps, London Bridge, 6.30.

Fairbridge awards

The Fairbridge Society has announced that Mr P. Murphy, a former pupil of St Brendan's College, Bristol, Mr P. Gibson, Ludlow Grammar School and Mr P. Mousley, Sir Wilfrid Mardineau School, Birmingham, have won scholarship awards this year.

Church news

Diocese of St Albans

The Rev R. M. Hardy, Vicar of All Saints', Hertingfordbury, to be in charge of Ashley Guise, Milton Keynes.

The Rev J. Tabor, Warden of Scargill House, Kettlewell, Yorkshire, to be Rector of Northchurch, Berkhamsted.

Resignations and retirements:

Canon L. Jeffery-Machin, team Vicar of St Peter with St Swithun's, Holy Trinity and St Stephen, Bournemouth, diocese of Winchester, on August 31.

Canon A. H. Johnson, Vicar of Duxeaster, diocese of Chelmsford, on October 31.

Change of policy on solitary mothers

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

Social security officials have been told to stop "encouraging" women to claim maintenance orders against their husbands or the fathers of their children, and to explain their legal rights instead. The change of policy was urged on the Government by the Finer committee on one-parent families, which received much evidence that the policy of encouragement amounted to harassment of many women.

To ensure that the policy is implemented in local offices, the Supplementary Benefits Commission has drafted a leaflet explaining the issues involved, which will be given to all mothers claiming benefit. The leaflet has been circulated to all intererested voluntary organizations for comment.

Mrs Margaret Bramall, secretary of the Finer Joint Action Committee, welcomed the new approach yesterday. For many lone parents, she said, being forced to go to court when they were claiming supplementary benefit was pointless, because they were no better off in the end.

"The maintenance granted is unlikely to be higher than their supplementary benefits, so there is no financial gain for the women involved", Mrs Bramall said. "But it is also a destructive exercise, because it often leads to hostility between the parents, which harms the children and makes reasonable arrangements for access much more difficult".

The Government has also been under pressure from the legal profession to change the rules, because mothers who sue for maintenance when they claim supplementary benefits have legal aid to pay their court costs. Sir George Baker, President of the Family Division of the High Court, said in a recent case that the wife had no interest in the case because she would be no better off as a result.

The Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on legal aid said yesterday that it was anxious that nobody should be forced to seek legal aid when he or she was unlikely to benefit. It also wanted applicants to have the best advice from solicitors, which in many cases might be to go to the Divorce Court rather than to magistrates for maintenance orders.

A letter sent out with the draft leaflet to voluntary organizations said, that under the new policy mothers claiming supplementary benefit would first be interviewed so that their legal rights could be explained. They would be told that the commission had the power to enforce social security legislation, placing a liability on husbands and putative fathers to provide maintenance, but that the women would be consulted first in case they wanted to take proceedings themselves.

The interview would also be used to explain any advantages to the woman that might arise from taking her own proceedings, and assure her that, irrespective of her decision, the commission would ensure that she received full supplementary benefits.

Princess Christina of Sweden and her husband, Mr Tord Magnusson, with their son, born 13 days ago.

Broadcasting 'should be paid for by taxation'

By Kenneth Gosling

Mr Brian Young, Director-General of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, suggests today that broadcasting should be paid for out of general taxation and include a cost-of-living index. He favours that as an alternative to the licence-fee system.

Writing in the IBA's quarterly magazine, he says it would be a boon to the old-age pensioner and the low-income family; make good sense, when 95 per cent of the population makes use of broadcasting; save the unproductive cost of collection, perhaps £10m a year at present, avoid pressure on overworked post offices, and stop evasion.

Mr Young suggests that the Government should pay, for example, £4 a year, at 1975 prices, for every man, woman and child; or if the Government was reluctant to give automatically a sum raised through taxes for broadcasting, the amount could be a fixed proportion of the average wage or the gross national product, assuming that they did not diverge too alarmingly.

He thought it would also be highly satisfactory for the BBC, provided that the revenue was treated as belonging to the broadcaster by right and not as money that had to be justified and precisely accounted for.

Mr Young said it appeared that the BBC preferred the "season ticket" type of revenue to the "Arts Council" type because the licence-fee system was somehow less dominated by government, more "pure", and more conducive to independence. Yet increases had to be negotiated with the Government, "and one should at least query the assumption that the BBC's integrity demands that its income should not be a contribution made out of rates and taxes when the Government already holds such a central position between collection and distribution".

Another reason was understandable hesitation about the spending of money being overseen in the way generally thought proper when government hands out money. But if those difficulties could be overcome better arrangements for the direct financing of broadcasting should be possible.

Whether or not that could be done, there was a strong case for having a second system, of indirect but general finance, for the sake of more independence in the system as well as to enlarge the range of services.

"Unless economic disaster falls upon us, the indirect finance could underpin two channels, offering as wide a spread within those channels as direct finance now offers on BBC 1 and BBC 2.

"The fifth and sixth channels, probably usable by the mid-1980s, might be used for those highly specialized purposes which are of less concern to viewers as a whole."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J. Smit and Miss S. Sweeney

The marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Jopy Smit and Sheilagh Sweeney, both of Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Dr M. C. C. Hunter and Miss C. A. Beeton

The engagement is announced between Michael Charles Cassels Hunter, second son of Mr and Mrs K. C. C. Hunter, of Craythorne Hall, Stretton, Burton-on-Trent, and Carol Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Beeton, of Ilkeston Road, Nottingham.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

The following to be deputy lieutenants of East Sussex: L. V. Askew, J. Atkinson, Major J. Baxendale, Lord Buckhurst, Brigadier L. M. Scott, Major Sir Walter Scott, Brigadier C. J. R. Yeo.

Luncheon

HM Government

Mr Edward Rowlands, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, accompanied by Mrs Rowlands, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House in honour of the High Commissioner for Ghana and Mrs Sekyi. Among others present were:

The High Commissioner for Cyprus and Mrs Ashioris, the High Commissioner for Mauritius and Lady Teelock, the High Commissioner for Australia and Lady Bunting, Mr E. N. Moore, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, MP, and Lady de Freitas, the Hon R. B. C. and Mrs Howard, Miss Joan Lestor, MP, Mr J. V. Cheho, Mr and Mrs F. Beothroyd, Mr and Mrs A. J. Anderson, Mr U. K. Backman, Mr S. B. H. Stanley, Mr and Mrs S. W. P. Martin and Mr D. R. Tillins.

Paediatrics chair

Guy's Hospital Medical School has received £150,000 from the trustees of the James de Rothschild Charitable Settlement to endow the newly instituted Ferdinand James de Rothschild Chair of Paediatrics.

Fresco found in Russian buried church

Moscow, Aug 20.—Soviet archaeologists have discovered a sixteenth-century fresco retaining its original colours on the wall of a church in Pskov.

Komsomolskaya Pravda said today that the painting had been protected by earth since the beginning of the eighteenth-century when Peter the Great ordered the church to be covered with soil. Restorers began transferring the fresco from the crumbling wall on to a firmer base.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will visit the British Aircraft Corporation's factories at Weybridge and Filton on October 7.

Gift of rare jewelry for museum

By our Arts Reporter

A collection of jewelry, described as "of the greatest importance", has been given to the Victoria and Albert Museum where it has been on loan. It has been accumulated by the anonymous donor since the 1950s and contains pieces dating back to the Middle Ages.

"All too often it happens", the museum says, "that a rare and important loan object is withdrawn by the lender and appears on the market at a price the museum can ill afford, or perhaps not afford at all."

But there has been an encouraging increase in objects placed on loan, in spite of fears about the wealth tax. One London art expert has estimated that objects worth about £50m are on loan to national museums and galleries, of which about a tenth are at the V and A.

Half the collection of jewelry is made up of eighteenth-century pieces, but there is also much fine seventeenth-century enamel work, and a number of finger-rings, including one that belonged to William Wytelsey, Archbishop of Canterbury, who died in 1374.

University news

London

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: The following appointments have been made:

Visiting professors: Professors K. Royer, Institut for Nordisk Sprak og Litteratur, Oslo, Scandinavian studies; T. L. Gleason, Iowa State University, civil and municipal engineering; M. Fortes, emeritus professor of social anthropology, Cambridge, and fellow of University College London, anthropology; R. Goldsmith, formerly of Yale, political economy; R. Schafer, Yale, psychology, Freud Memorial Visiting Professor of Psychoanalysis; G. Vlastos, Princeton, Greek and philosophy.

Lectures: Dr B. Culshaw, electronic and electrical engineering; L. J. Godfrey, mechanical engineering; S. P. D. Guest, laws; Dr Susan E. A. Henley, psychology; N. A. D. Lytleton, history of art; Dr W. B. Miller, psychology; Dr P. J. O'Neill, laws; G. Pearce, mechanic. engineering; Dr R. D. Purrett, anatomy and embryology; P. M. Ward, geography.

Senior lecturers: Dr A. R. Burgess, chemical engineering; Dr G. Gabella, anatomy and embryology; Dr Shirley F. James, French language and literature; Dr R. Malinhant, psychology; B. R. Nutt, environmental studies; Dr J. W. Penfold, mechanical engineering; Dr N. R. Saunders and Dr R. G. Woledge, physiology.

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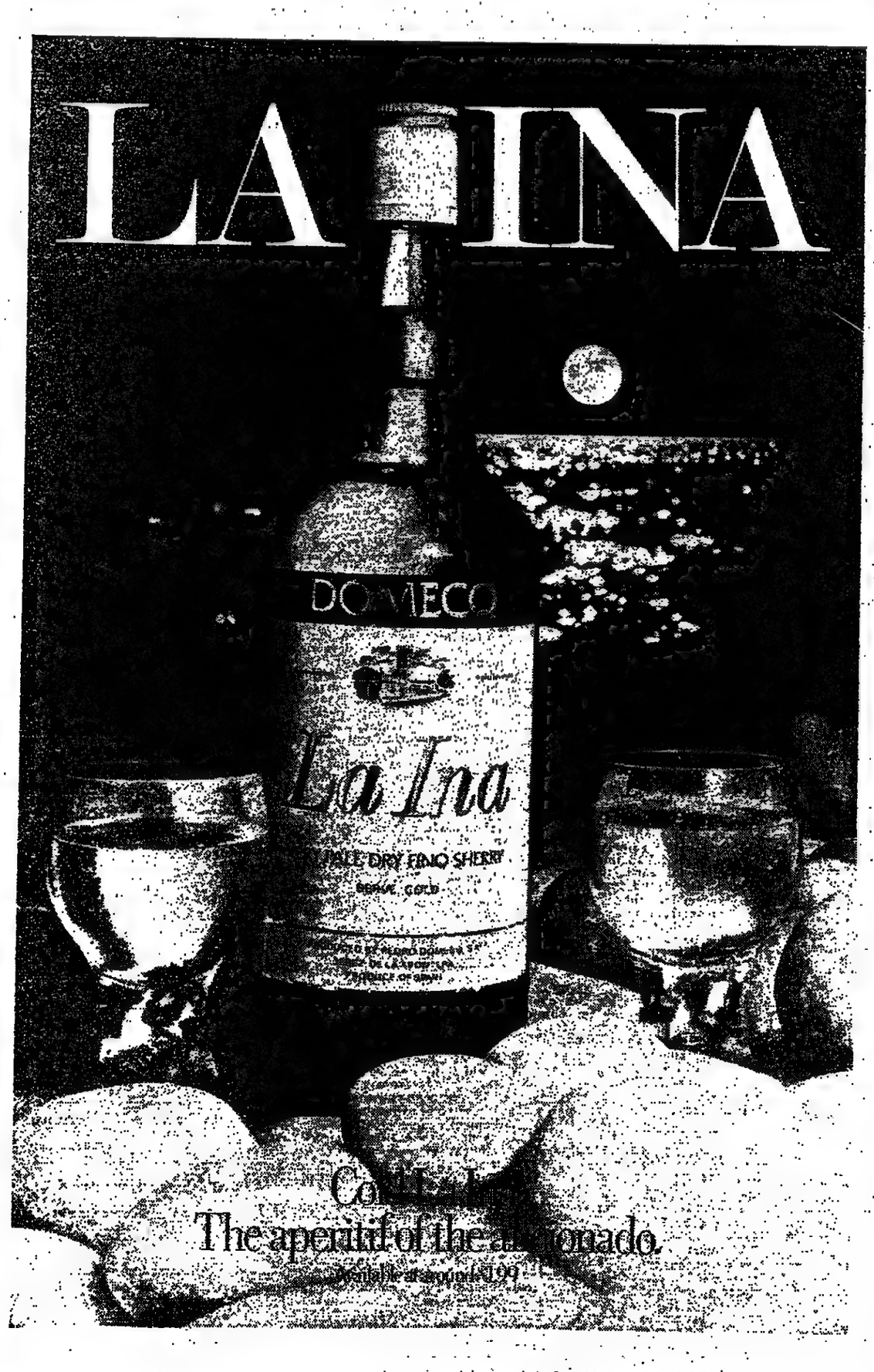
Professor L. Baric, professor of sociology and chairman of the department of sociological studies, and P. L. Thomas, senior lecturer in engineering, to be pro vice-chancellors for two years.



Archaeology report

Wallingford Castle: Development inquiry

The threat to Wallingford Castle, described as a key site for the study of Saxon towns, which has worried archaeologists in recent weeks, is to be examined at ministerial level. Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, has called in the planning application for the site and a public inquiry is to be held.

Wallingford Castle is a Norman structure which was built over part of the earlier Saxon town. Deep, undisturbed Saxon occupation levels are thought to exist on many parts of the site. A large house built in the Bailey area of the castle in the last century was acquired by the Architects Benevolent Society for redevelopment, and planning permission was given; a subsequent application last autumn envisaged a new scheme involving deep foundations.

The application was opposed by the Department of the Environment because of the threat to the Saxon level. But last June the department withdrew its objection, on condition that excavation took place before redevelopment if permission was granted.

In July the council deferred a decision on the planning application because of widespread concern over the damage that would be done to the site. The minister's decision reflects the degree of national opposition among archaeologists.

The minister's decision has been welcomed by Mr Peter Addyman, Director of the York Archaeological Trust and a specialist in Saxon archaeology. "It should enable archaeologists to muster an unanswerable case for the site's total preservation", he said.

"Wallingford Castle is a key site for the investigation of the nature of late Saxon towns."

By Norman Hammond, Archaeological Correspondent

Latest wills

Whole estate left to 3 charities

Mrs Zenith Jones, of Llanelli, left £22,335 net (no duty shown). She left all her property equally among Dr Barnardo's, St Dunstan's and the RSPCA.

Mrs Edith Rayner, of Bournemouth, left £40,499 net (no duty shown). She left £2,850 to personal legatees and the residue equally among the Children's Society, Blesma, the Bournemouth Blind Aid Society Home, Winton, and the Spiritualist Church, Bournemouth.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Hemus, Mr William Langley, of Drayton Bassett, farmer (duty paid, £13,452) ... £114,954

Marsh, Gwendolen Agnes, of Halstock, Dorset ... £122,330

25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, August 21, 1950

From a Correspondent

The recent announcement by the War Office that British Regular Army officers are to be commissioned directly into the Gurkha rifle regiments from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, once more calls attention to the remarkable fighting men of Nepal who have for so long served as volunteers in units associated with the British Army.

The 2nd, 6th, 7th and 10th Gurkha Rifles, each a regiment of two battalions, constitute the Brigade of Gurkhas, formed when the British, Indian and Nepal Governments agreed that the 10 historic Gurkha regiments of the Indian Army should be maintained after the recognition of Indian independence, four to become part of the British Army.

Science report

Crustacea: The day of Triops cancriformis

A £1,000 grant from the British National Appeal of the World Wildlife Fund helped to turn yesterday into the day of *Triops cancriformis*.

Whether the tiny crab-like creature, which swims on its back and in Britain is known to live in only one 20 sq yd temporary pond in the New Forest, will appreciate the gesture remains to be seen. But for the first time it will find itself under a microscope.

Triops, which is found elsewhere in Europe, was first discovered in Kirkcudbrightshire in 1908 but forgotten again until 30 years ago, the late Professor Munro Fox, the eccentric zoologist, confirmed its existence in the New Forest. Professor Fox refused to divulge its whereabouts.

That secrecy almost proved the downfall of triops because in 1967 a private individual started to drain the pond after a complaint that mosquitoes bred in it. Fortunately Professor Fox's secret had leaked by then and the Forestry Commission was able to save the pond.

Triops, which has nine pairs of legs and uses them to scoop food into its mouth, has been seen only four or five times since Fox's rediscovery, but its public appearances are now likely to increase.

The grant will enable Mr Estlin Hall, senior lecturer in biology at Southampton University, to see if triops will live in similar ponds.

Mr Hall, who has already conducted some peripheral work on triops, has until now concentrated on the freshwater fairy shrimp, another rare creature that enjoys conditions similar to those favoured by triops.

Mr Tony Whitten, resident biologist of the British National Appeal, told me: "Triops is a weird little creature which exists for only six months a year, when the pond fills up in the autumn. The eggs rest in the mud without developing until then. We do not know much about it or how important it is."

The £1,000, which will be spent studying it over several years, is one of a number of grants, announced yesterday, worth a total of £15,000.

Part of the remaining money will be spent on protecting the adder's tongue spearwort, a rare plant, at its only home in a Gloucestershire nature reserve, providing gelles across cave entrances to protect threatened bats from humans; and studying the Dartford warbler, which lives precariously on heathland in Dorset and Hampshire.

By Michael Horsnell

OBITUARY

MARK DONOHUE

A versatile racing driver

Mark Donohue, who crashed his car during practice for last Sunday's Austrian Grand Prix, has died in hospital in Graz, at the age of 38. He was unquestionably a most versatile racing driver.

Born in Orange, New Jersey, on March 18, 1937, he had retired last year after winning 37 major races but had agreed to drive the Penske Formula 1 entry in this year and next. A graduate of Brown University, he began his competitive driving career in 1960 and went on to win the Trans-Am Championship in 1968, 1969 and 1971.

His abilities as a test driver, which he had developed at an impressive speed, soon made him a driver much in demand in the United States, but throughout his career his major achievements were attained through his liaison with America's most consistently successful entrant, Roger Penske.

So well did the partnership operate that they seemed to form an unbeatable combination, and together they established what they jokingly referred to as their Unfair Advantage, a phrase which was to be used as the title of Donohue's autobiography, published earlier this year.

His ever-present smile, his permanently ventilated hair and his gentle and polite manner earned Donohue a name Captain Nice, and one of the most popular ever to emerge from the States.

Awarded the title of the Year at Indianapolis, he went on to famous 500-mile races years later and in 197[illegible] the Can-Am Champion[illegible] Porsche 917 [illegible] only a short time before his death he used a single with a turbocharger [illegible] world speed record [illegible] of "Autosport" [illegible] 221.03 mph.

The one major sorrow had so far clouded his Grand Prix racing, in the spite of the skill which helped him to end his seven retirement last year Penske decided to [illegible] first Formula 1 car. [illegible] an instant success and brought a March led a temporary retirement [illegible] the completion of [illegible] hoped to be an [illegible] Penske, which Donohue planning to drive at Monaco.

Mark Donohue, who [illegible] Reading, Pennsylvania [illegible] married to Eli[illegible] with Edka [illegible] two sons.

LORD HURCOMB

M.R.B. writes:

Your otherwise comprehensive obituary of Lord Hurcomb only touched upon the new career which Hurcomb started in his 65th year when he became the first Chairman of the British Transport Commission, then the largest, most complex and probably the most controversial of the nationalized corporations. This huge undertaking with a capital of £1,200 million and staff of 870,000 was placed under the direction of only five full-time members, of whom three were at or past retiring age. From the outset Hurcomb dominated the Commission and yet he failed to dominate the executives who were nominally the Commission's agents for the day-to-day management of the various businesses. Hurcomb's personality in fact was full of contradictions, and few of the practical transport men in the lower echelons of the BTC really appreciated his qualities.

One of these was impatience. The Transport Act, 1947, had prescribed a long list of tasks and Hurcomb's continual reminders to his staff about the need to implement these gave an impression of being "an old man in a hurry". He had no illusions about his own former Ministry, and any expectation that the civil servants may have had of influencing BTC policy by demi-official correspondence were quashed by Hurcomb's insistence that as Chairman he dealt with the minister direct.

There was a touch of poetic justice, which Hurcomb did not in the least relish, when the defences which the BTC had erected against detailed intervention by the Ministry were paralleled by defences which the executives erected against what they considered to be interference by the Commission with their management functions. Relations with the Railway Executive were particularly difficult.

Hurcomb had been denied by his political masters, wishful of keeping patronage in their own hands, the right to hire and fire the Members of the Executive, who, under the Act, were intended to [illegible] the policy of the BTC, being training as a civil[illegible] led him to expect [illegible] would loyally follow [illegible] lines indicated by [illegible] lawfully constituted authority; and he was [illegible] by the obstinate independence shown by, at least, the Executive. He [illegible] issuing formal directives [illegible] stinctively felt that [illegible] reasoned argument, [illegible] if necessary by long meetings, must lead to [illegible] tion, and he was ex[illegible] when this did not ha[illegible]

But it would be [illegible] regard this as a sol[illegible] between a civil servant [illegible] business [illegible] Though austere and a[illegible] by temperament, had [illegible] ing admiration almost [illegible] ing to affection to [illegible] tycoons and four years [illegible] his staff regarded wi[illegible] thusiasm. He was in[illegible] distrust the advice of [illegible] were working most [illegible] under him and to hav[illegible] a second opinion fr[illegible] outsider whom he [illegible] knew.

Yet despite these [illegible] tions, to work with [illegible] always [illegible] detect a weakness in a [illegible] before him almost b[illegible] had read it; he could [illegible] a draft out of all re[illegible] in a few minutes of ra[illegible] bling with a pencil so [illegible] knowledge of the polit[illegible] and his experience of [illegible] service machine kept [illegible] out of serious troubl[illegible] early years. But he w[illegible] to turn the concept[illegible] gated transport into [illegible] before it was delayed [illegible] duties of the BTC by [illegible] servative Government [illegible] also abolished the [illegible] (except London Tr[illegible] Ironically, had this be[illegible] earlier, it might have [illegible] Labour's scheme for [illegible] tion; it would certain[illegible] strengthened Hurcomb [illegible] immensely. But in 195[illegible] too late for that, since [illegible] cided with Hurcomb [illegible] retirement from the [illegible] scene.

MR ALBERT MARTIN

A correspondent writes:—

Mr Albert Martin, OBE, who has died at his home in the Avenue Victor Hugo in Paris in his 100th year, must be remembered not only for the many years of voluntary public service he gave to the British community in Paris but also for his close involvement in the development of the Central American Republic of Nicaragua in the early part of the century.

Born in 1876, Albert Martin went out to Central America in the service of the Anglo South American Bank. In 1907 he established the Anglo Central American Commercial Bank in partnership with the firm of Palazio & Co. He became honorary consul to both the British and Norwegian governments at Managua throughout the period of the First World War, in which capacity he was involved as intermediary in the conflict between the government and the anti-American rebel leader Sandino. For his services as consul the Norwegian government made him an officer of the Order of St Olaf in 1925.

On his retirement from Nicaragua Martin made his home in Paris where he served as honorary secretary of the British Legion; as president and honorary treasurer of the British Charitable Fund; and as a member of the committee of the British Hertford Hospital. He was made OBE in 1956.

He married Amalia Fuentes in 1905, who survives him, and leaves a son and two daughters.

LUKE SHORT

Luke Short, a prolific author of Western novels, has died in Aspen, Colorado, at the age of 67.

Short, whose real name was Frederick Glidden, published his first novel *Feud at a Single Shot* in 1934, and went on to write more than 50 over the next 30 years. Several were made into films, including *Ramrod*, starring Joel McCrae, *Vengeance Valley*, with Burt Lancaster, and *Ambush* with Robert Taylor.

The Countess of Berkeley, widow of the 8th Earl of Berkeley, has died at the age of 91. She was Mary Emlen Lloyd, daughter of John Nowell of Boston, USA. She married the Earl, who died in 1942, as his second wife, in 1924. She had a son by a former marriage.

SIR PAUL PATRICK

Sir Paul Joseph [illegible] KCIE, CSI, has died at [illegible] of 86. Educated at Ru[illegible] Corpus Christi College, [illegible] he joined the Home Ci[illegible] vice in 1913 but transfe[illegible] the Military department [illegible] India Office after a few [illegible]

In 1916 he joined the [illegible] Army Reserve of Offic[illegible] navy service on the No[illegible] Frontier. Towards the [illegible] the war he served w[illegible] Ghurkas in Palestine.

Returning to the Indi[illegible] in 1919, he became Adm[illegible] tive Adviser to the India[illegible] gations to the League of [illegible] in 1926 and later took a[illegible] part in the prolonged e[illegible] and discussions which pa[illegible] way for the India Act o[illegible]

He became Assistant [illegible] Secretary of State at the [illegible] Office in 1941 and whe[illegible] Office ceased to funct[illegible] 1947, Assistant Under-Se[illegible] of State at the Common[illegible] Relations Office until [illegible] tirement in 1949.

He became a CSI in 19[illegible] KCIE in 1946. He was [illegible] Commander of the Order [illegible] John of Jerusalem. He w[illegible] married.

MGR CANON THOMAS TURNI[illegible]

Mgr Canon Thomas T[illegible] who died on Sunda[illegible] the age of 8[illegible], was appo[illegible] in 1936 by Archbi[illegible]op Do[illegible] supervisor and organiser [illegible] fund-raising campaign fo[illegible] new Liverpool Metrop[illegible] Cathedral of Christ the [illegible] He retired from the po[illegible] 1968 the year after it was [illegible] secrated. His schemes incl[illegible] the collection of milk-b[illegible] tops and silver paper; ap[illegible] for halfpennies in the p[illegible] parts of the archdiocese; [illegible] a drive for jewellery, [illegible] wedding rings; to each [illegible] tion he sent a handwr[illegible] reply.

Shota Mikhailovich Fata[illegible] vili, Prime Minister of [illegible] Autonomous Abhkazian Re[illegible] lic in the Soviet Socialist [illegible] public of Georgia, has die[illegible] the age of 53.

Mr Neil Brooks, the Gen[illegible] Manager of the London [illegible] ladium has died at the age [illegible] 62. He became Manager of [illegible] Liverpool Empire in 1955, [illegible] General Manager of the Lon[illegible] Palladium in 1967.

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LMC faces rike threat from 000 in bus and uck factories

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sh Leyland is faced with e threat by the 9,000 s in its five big bus and factories in Lancashire, e of a dispute over inter- on of the Government's a week pay limit.

management has told representatives that a ages deal signed on July due to be implemented month, will have to be tiated because the De- nt of Employment has e company that it does mply with the guidelines own in the White Paper ges policy.

deal would have given all workers average increases 50 a week, plus a lump ayment of £52 a head as nsation for further phas- t of the piecework system.

mass meeting yesterday, rkers voted to impose an llate ban on overtime policy of "non-coopera- and to tell the company dless agreement to imple- the full wages deal is d there will be an all- like from September 15— y the plants are due to following the autumn

night a company spokes- said the decision to call renegotiation of the deal en taken after discussions e Department of Employ- n which the company had nformed that the settle- erms were not in accord- ith the White Paper. As t, the company had indi- to the union representa- at the five plants, in d and Chorley, that the would have to be renego- to comply with the £6 a imit.

esterday's mass meeting, Brindle, works convener e five factories, said: is a fundamental issue of le. Your negotiators an agreement when there t one jot of legislation to prevent it, only to have it thorwn back in their faces. We have turned the other cheek and finished getting our teeth kicked in.

"Now we are being asked to renegotiate not on the strength of legislation, but on the strength of a White Paper", he added. A Leyland management spokesman said last night that the working restrictions being imposed immediately as a result of the decision at yesterday's mass meeting were bound to have a serious effect on production.

Meanwhile, Leyland has further labour problems affecting its Triumph car plants. About 1,400 workers are already laid off from the Triumph body-making plant at Liverpool, because of a strike by 30 internal lorry drivers over the sacking of one driver.

The drivers will be holding a meeting today and unless they decide to call off their strike, Triumph car production at both Liverpool and Coventry is almost certain to be halted after the weekend with thousands more workers laid off.

Chrysler lay-offs: About 1,200 workers at Chrysler's Luton and Dunstable factories were laid off yesterday by a strike of 46 inspectors over grading. Luton production halted and the 700 workforce made idle. The factory supplies components to the Dunstable assembly plant where 450 men were laid off.

NVT talks continue: Talks will continue in Birmingham today, between management of Norton Villiers Triumph (NVT) and shop stewards, on the company's plan to save the Small Heath motor cycle factory.

The stewards, representing the factory's 1,400 workers, have been presented with a number of options by the company including redundancies. With NVT's Wolverhampton plant now in the hands of the Official Receiver, the future of Small Heath is crucial to NVT staying in business.

Leyland to phase out range of Guy lorries

By Edward Townsend

British Leyland is to phase out production of its famous 10-year-old Guy range of lorries by the middle of next year, the company announced yesterday.

The move, part of a rationalization of the company's lorry and bus programme, was revealed to Guy distributors and union representatives at Leyland's Wolverhampton plant which, from next year, is to become a supplier of parts to other manufacturing plants in the lorry and bus group.

Leyland said the Wolverhampton factory would continue to produce knocked-down units including buses, for assembly overseas, and part of its new role would be to manufacture axles and other assemblies and components.

About 750 workers are employed at Wolverhampton and the company said that the labour force would remain "at least at its present level" with the emphasis on unit manufacture rather than assembly.

The Wolverhampton plant has been operating on short time for a considerable period and the company indicated that "with the future of the plant secure as an essential part of the lorry and bus group production facility", there would soon be a return to normal working.

The Guy Big J range of heavy lorries has become a familiar sight on British roads since its launch in 1965, but under the new streamlining plan Leyland clearly feels that there is too much duplication with other more advanced vehicles.

To keep the Guy range in production would mean switching it to another plant. Considerable investment would also be needed on engineering and redesign work to enable the range to meet EEC regulations. Big J sales will continue throughout next year, and Leyland is confident that stocks at distributors and plants will meet existing and expected orders.

Meanwhile, the company described as "premature" a report that it was dropping the "British" name from the badges of its 1976 cars.

Kulim switching base to Malaysia

By Margaret Walters

The Kulim plantations group yesterday revealed proposals to shift its domicile to Malaysia "to provide a basis for increased Malaysian participation in accordance with the Malaysian government's policy" regarding the ownership of foreign companies operating there.

But unlike the Haw Par débâcle a few weeks ago, when the Takeover Panel took umbrage at the Malaysian government's taking a direct controlling equity stake in London Tin Kulim is seeking approval from shareholders and stockholders for a Scheme of Arrangement under Section 206 of the Companies Act 1948.

Under this, present shares in Kulim would be swopped for equal holdings in Kulim (Malaysia), a new company, if listings could be obtained for the shares on both Kuala Lumpur and London.

The Haw Par affair highlighted the increasing desire on the part of Malaysia for greater control over her natural resource industries. A spokesman for Kulim indicated that a scheme to effect this had been under consideration since Malaysia issued its guidelines on the matter in early 1973.

It is evidently hoped that the change of domicile, with the reduced tax liability for Malaysian holders, will encourage them to acquire larger shareholdings. But United Kingdom shareholders, if the scheme goes through, will find themselves liable to increased tax on their dividends, although this is expected to be offset by higher gross dividend payments in view of lower overall corporation tax rates payable by the new company.

The proposed share swop would not involve shareholders in any immediate liability to capital gains tax, but the Bank of England yesterday issued notice of restricted dealings in the company's shares until the Scheme of Arrangement goes through.

In order to obtain Treasury approval to the transfer of residence for tax purposes, Kulim is to sell its United Kingdom trading subsidiary for an effective price of £300,000.

Holders of Kulim's 10½ per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1992/97 are being offered shares in the new company on the basis of their conversion rights.

MPs inquire into £2.5m loss at C & W offshoot

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

An inquiry into the circumstances of the loss of more than £2.5m by a subsidiary of Cable & Wireless, the Government-owned international telecommunications group of companies, is being carried out by the House of Commons Select Committee on Nationalised Industries.

After the parliamentary recess a team of six MPs, led by Sir Donald Kaberry, Conservative MP for Leeds, North West, will fly to Hongkong to make inquiries about the management of Coltronics, Hongkong, which was taken over by Cable & Wireless in 1971 and is now in the course of voluntary liquidation after heavy losses in 1973 and 1974.

According to Social Audit, a consumers' watchdog group, the losses were incurred largely as a result of the firm undertaking a contract which was beyond its capacity to fulfil, for the manufacture of desk calculators. The group also made allegations about weak management in Cable & Wireless and inadequate control by the Treasury, which is the principal shareholder.

It was alleged that the Cable & Wireless accounts did not give a true picture of the subsidiary company's losses, but Mr Wedgwood Benn, when he was Secretary of State for Industry, said that the accounts satisfied statutory requirements. According to some MPs who have pursued the allegations, the losses were concealed by being distributed among the accounts for other activities of the group.

These allegations have been strongly repudiated by Mr H. G. Lillicrap, chairman of the group, and the group have pointed out that the Hongkong losses must be considered in relation to the group's consistent record on overall profits. These amounted to nearly £15m in 1973-74 and are expected to be much higher for 1974-75.

The Select Committee is carrying out the first investigation by Parliament into the activities of Cable & Wireless since the company was nationalized 20 years ago.

Central Mfg in surprise £10.5m offer for LCP

By Our Financial Staff

Central Manufacturing & Trading Group (CMT), the West Midlands merchanting, distribution and manufacturing company, yesterday made a surprise £10.5m bid for LCP, another Midland company working in several similar fields, but with strong industrial property interests.

The two companies had previously announced "merger" talks, but the Stock Market was expecting LCP to make a bid. The outcome yesterday was that CMT's shares fell 10p to 54p, while LCP gained 4p to 50p, capitalizing the two companies at £10.2m and £9.29m respectively.

The offer is four CMT shares plus £3.50 of a new 12.5 per cent convertible unsecured loan stock 1988 for every 10 LCP shares, effectively valuing the LCP shares at 56.6p.

The loan stock is convertible between 1978 and 1984, on the basis of 125 CMT shares for every £100 of loan stock, setting the price of the shares at 80p each. If the full conversion rights are taken up, LCP shareholders will have just over 45 per cent of the enlarged equity.

The bid came several weeks after LCP first approached CMT for merger talks. Mr David Rhead, chairman of LCP, said last night he was "astonished" that CMT should make a bid. He had first approached CMT on the basis of a merger.

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Treasury expert says US revival still fragile

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 20

The upswing in the United States economy is extremely fragile and its strength and ability to last could be seriously curtailed by an escalation in prices, or by an increase in inflation in the months ahead, according to Mr Sidney Jones, assistant secretary and chief economist at the Treasury.

In a speech to the American Accounting Association he stressed that although the recovery is apparently well under way, the next few months are likely to be a turbulent period, as fiscal and monetary policies will probably be under immense pressure to respond to specific inflation and unemployment developments."

The speech is significant because it is one of the first in a series by Administration officials that aim to stifle the widely-expected pressures on President Ford by trade unions and Democrats in Congress for new fiscal stimulus for the economy and easier money policies.

Mr Jones noted in his speech that in the next few months key decisions concerning extension of the one-year tax cuts passed earlier this year will have to be taken.

Mr Jones indicated that the Administration fully agreed with the Federal Reserve's declared target of 5 to 7.5 per cent money supply growth for the next year, and it considers present fiscal policies to be perfectly adequate to ensure economic recovery.

He gave a warning that "current policies must guard against fiscal and monetary excesses which would disrupt the current expansion and complicate the problems of creating a more stable economy".

The Department of Commerce today published new data on personal income showing a decline of $5,700m (£2,714m) in July after a June increase of $28,800m.

The decline was largely the result of inflation, and last month's poor performance was helped by special factors in June—notably tax rebates and one-off social security increases.

M Jean-Pierre Fourcade: light in the economic tunnel.

'Realism' on French upturn seen

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Aug 20

France's economics minister said last night that "light can already be seen at the end of the tunnel" for the country's economic difficulties.

M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, returning to Paris from a holiday abroad, said this was "not optimism but realism" in the light of improvements in the economic indicators after months of deterioration.

These included, besides the recovery in the United States, the June and July official French figures for industrial production and foreign trade, he said.

On the meeting of the International Monetary Fund, opening in Washington on September 1, the minister adopted for the first time apparently milder language on the controversy with the United States over floating exchange rates. He spoke only of the need for a "less malleable" international monetary system.

M Fourcade, who refused to disclose details of the forthcoming economic package designed to stimulate the French economy and due to be unveiled in a fortnight, urged prior coordination among the EEC governments.

Sunday's meeting in Venice of the finance ministers of the Nine would be an opportunity to do this, he pointed out.

Law Land's rights attract only 28.6pc

By Adrienne Gleeson

Law Land has joined the ranks of those companies whose rights issues have flopped. Acceptances for this property company's £3.76m issue amounted to only 28.6 per cent, and the rest has been taken up by the underwriters.

In that Law Land, although small, is considered to be one of the more conservative of the property companies, the result is disappointing. However, since the subscription price was set at 48p in the first half of July, the company's shares have fallen from 64½p to 46p, reflecting the unease now felt about the whole sector.

Germans keep freeze on DM bonds and new issues

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Aug 20

For the time being at least, the freeze on the issue of new West German domestic bonds, Deutsche mark-denominated Eurobonds and private placements is to be maintained.

This was agreed today by the Central Capital Market Committee, the banking body, which steers new issues on the German bond market. The meeting in Wiesbaden was attended by Herr Karl Otto Pöhl, state secretary at the finance ministry, and Dr Heinrich Irmler, a member of the West German Federal Bank's directorate.

The new issue pause was introduced at the end of July to save the bond market from a bout of "indigestion" which threatened to produce an upturn in interest rates.

At the time it threatened to cause some trouble for the Federal government, which has a large deficit to cover through borrowing this year. But by taking advantage of the high liquidity in the banking sector, Bonn has so far been able to cover its financing needs.

The government is likely to spend DM5,500m (over £1,000m) to tide the economy over the winter months compared with the DM3,000m previously under discussion.

The increased sum was agreed today at a meeting called by the West German Chancellor, Herr Schmidt, at his holiday home at Brahmsee, north Germany, which was attended by senior Cabinet ministers and Federal Bank officials.

The meeting was called to prepare the ground for a two-day session of the Cabinet at the end of next week which should take at least some decisions on the winter economy programme, the supplementary Federal budget for 1975—which has been estimated at DM10,000m — and next year's Federal budget plans.

Dealings resume in Fodens

By Terry Byland

Dealings restarted yesterday in the ordinary shares of Fodens, the lorry manufacturer which was saved from possible government control by an injection of £3.12m in the form of a rights issue underwritten by a group of major City institutions.

The opening quotation of 9p to 11p compared with 14p on suspension. Later the shares touched 16p in what was described as "healthy two-way trading" and closed at 11½p.

ir group wins m order for ar plant

00m order for four sea desalination plants, the such contract ever in Britain, has been won e Glasgow-based Weir The order, won against ition from Japanese, and Italian companies, en placed by the Middle state of Qatar and ed in a letter of intent this week

plants, to be constructed Qatar power station by Westgarth, a Weir sub- over a 2½-year period, ve guaranteed output of million gallons of pure a day for drinking and ial use, with the capacity ut output to five million a day.

unt Weir, the group an, said yesterday that ntract—among the three in the world for such a — confirmed Britain's ding leadership in desalin-

ever, one disappointment at part of the equipment plants would have to from abroad "as some suppliers are prevented e inflation and adverse ial conditions from quot- mperitively".

Swan Hunter strikers to vote on £10.30 claim

By Tim Jones
Labour Staff

More than 5,000 Swan Hunter shipyard workers may meet on Saturday to decide whether to continue a six-week strike in support of a claim which would contravene the Government's £6 a week flat rate pay rise policy.

Representatives from five unions went with Mr Tom McIver, the Swan Hunter group chairman and managing director, to the Department of Employment yesterday to seek clarification on the anti-inflation guidelines.

After the meeting Mr McIver said: "We have had clarification on a number of points raised and the unions are now in the position to go back to the shop stewards and explain the situation."

Mr Ken Baker, the General and Municipal Workers Union national ship building officer, said: "We are not able to go into any depth with the discussions because our shop stewards will obviously require a full report first."

The workers have rejected an offer designed to give them £5.50 a week increase by next January. They want a rise to match the £8.30 plus £2 won by boilermakers in June.

The strike is proving an embarrassment to the leaders of the GMWU, the main union involved in the dispute, who have been strong advocates of the Government-TUC pay policy.

Peter Hill writes: The Ministry of Defence remained tight-lipped yesterday on reports that it had chosen Swan Hunter as the yard to build a complex mini-aircraft carrier for Iran in an export deal said to be worth £250m.

A ministry spokesman said it never discussed arms sales negotiations. However I understand that some discussions have taken place and that the Tyneside group is hopeful of concluding a contract with Iran although the signing remains a good way off.

Cammell protest: There were angry scenes outside the Birkenhead shipyard of Cammell Laird as construction workers started work on a £9m modernization programme. Wimpey was appointed earlier this year to carry on the programme after another company had left the site after allegations of a lack of diligence.

Arab-Western bank for US

New York, Aug 20.—A group of United States, European and Arab banks plan to set up a consortium bank in New York. Ubaf Arab American Bank, with a capitalization of $25m.

The banks involved have informed New York State banking authorities, and the consortium bank has applied for membership of the Federal Reserve System. It will be the first bank to be formed in the United States by a consortium of Arab and Western institutions.—Reuter.

WAGES

The following are the index numbers for basic rates of wages for all manual workers in all industries and services and for average earnings of all employees in all industries and services in Great Britain covered by the monthly earnings inquiry released by the Department of Employment yesterday:

1974	Hourly rates* (July 31 1972 = 100)	Average earnings (Jan 1970 = 100)	% change over 3 months at annual rate
Aug	145.5	185.5	43.1
Sept	146.3	189.2	32.3
Oct	148.7	191.8	22.9
Nov	153.9	200.8	37.2
Dec	158.0	208.3	46.9
1975			
Jan	159.7	206.2	33.6
Feb	162.0	209.9	19.4
March	169.0	212.8	8.9
April	170.0	215.4	19.1
May	176.4	217.7	15.7
June	182.2	221.0*	18.3
July	184.1	NA	NA

* Provisional.

Warning on industrial prices trend

By David Young

Price rises encountered by industry during July are still lower than during any month in 1974, but are not as low as the previous month's level, the Institute of Purchasing Supply reveals in its monthly price monitor, published today.

At an average 9.2 per cent, July saw the lowest average increase in industrial prices in any month apart from June—when the average was 8 per cent—since the monitor was introduced in late 1973.

But the Institute gives warning that this latest figure suggests that the downtrend in industrial prices has halted and the "breathing space" mentioned by Sir Arthur Cockfield, Price Commission chairman, in his last quarterly report, may be shorter than he said it would be.

Indications were that British industry was not in for another heady boost to cost inflation unless something totally unexpected happened. The reason was that this time there had been no comparable increase in the number of product prices compatible with the increase in price rises sought by industry's suppliers.

In July manufacturers sought 252 increases against 302 a month before. Usually when industrial costs increased companies started to seek price rises on their products at the same time.

The Institute adds that another factor pushing up industry's price rises could be that the steep increase in labour costs are already seeping into the manufacturing chain.

Category One companies, the country's largest, sought increases averaging 9.97 per cent, a substantial increase on the previous month's average 8.3 per cent, but lower than the increases being sought earlier this year.

Category Two and smaller companies, which will reflect higher charges from Category One suppliers in later price increases, also sought larger increases with the average rising by one per cent from the June figure 8.87 per cent.

Increases in specific sectors in July were: 6.8 per cent from metal manufacturers against 7.3 in June; 8.7 per cent on metal goods, as opposed to 9.7 in June; 10.3 per cent on mechanical engineering (7.6 in June); 10.5 per cent on chemicals (8.8 in June).

Increases on specific products in July were: 7.3 per cent on casting and forgings, as opposed to 7.8 in June; and 9.3 per cent on plastics, as opposed to 5.2 in June.

How the markets moved

The FT index: 300.7—2.3
The Times index: 126.33—0.88

Rises

Ass Port Cement	5p to 146p	Longton Trans	2p to 25p
Cater Ryder	5p to 225p	Marievale Con	8p to 320p
Cornercroft	6p to 34p	Smith, W. H.	4p to 332p
Gillett Bros	5p to 150p	Tube Invest	16p to 232p
GKN	4p to 209p	Waddgm 'A'	4p to 88p
Hunting Gibson	7p to 157p	Whittingham, W.	1p to 16p
Lee Cooper	5p to 55p	Vibroplant	5p to 95p

Falls

Barclays Bank	3p to 250p	Lydenburg Plat	6p to 140p
BP	12p to 503p	Midhurst Whites	2p to 13p
Brit Am Tob	7p to 268p	Rio Tinto Zinc	3p to 168p
Courtaulds	3p to 116p	Shell	6p to 318p
Furness Withy	8p to 212p	Whiteley BSW	2p to 37p
Glaxo	6p to 337p	Wiggins, C. S.	1p to 9p
Imp Chem Ind	3p to 255p	Wombwell Fdry	2p to 18p

Equities spent a quiet session but were firmer at the close.

Gilt-edged securities were a dull market.

Sterling rose by 32 points to $2.1210. The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.5 per cent.

Gold rose by $11 to $162¾ on the day.

SDR-$ was 1.18958 on Wednesday, while SDR-£ was 0.561595.

Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,187.5 (1,185.9 on Tuesday).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.70	1.65
Austria Sch	39.25	37.25
Belgium Fr	85.50	82.75
Canada $	2.24	2.19
Denmark Kr	12.85	12.45
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.40	9.10
Germany DM	5.55	5.35
Greece Dr	69.50	67.25
Hongkong $	10.95	10.55
Italy Lr	1510.00	1460.00
Japan Yn	650.00	625.00
Netherlands Gld	5.70	5.50
Norway Kr	11.75	11.40
Portugal Esc	56.25	54.25
S Africa Rd	1.81	1.71
Spain Pes	125.75	120.75
Sweden Kr	9.30	9.00
Switzerland Fr	5.75	5.55
US $	2.165	2.115
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.25	36.25

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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PROGRESSIVE SECURITIES
INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

Statement by the Chairman

revenue for the year ended 31st March, 1975 was £145,423 compared £135,068 for the previous year; net revenue after tax was £63,790 105). This result is due to higher dividends received on the mining ments and to a larger amount earned on deposits. In consequence I leased to be able to recommend a further increase in dividend payment g a total for the year of 4.50p (3.75p). After making this payment urplus available for revenue reserve was £13,323 (£15,977).

assets before deducting loan capital at 31st March, 1975 were 1 552 (£2,807,748). Net assets per share after adjustment for loan l were 224.1p (245.9p). This decline of 8.8% compares with the ing movements in the leading indices during the same period—F.T. trial Ordinary Index—plus 4.8%. F.T. All-Share Index—minus 2.1%, Gold Mines Index—plus 5.4%. Dow Jones Industrial Index—minus 9.3%. growth of net assets employed by your company to £2,513,552 has led examine our issued share capital which amounts to £280,343. Such a apital is perhaps too great and it is therefore proposed to increase the al capital to £1,500,000 and to issue by way of capitalisation of es, three new shares for each existing share held and then to con- le every two shares of 25p held into one share of 50p. This will also the company's shares trustee status under the 1961 Act and should ve marketability. It should not be taken to imply that the amount may be distributed by way of dividend in future will be increased.

the 30th June, 1975 the geographical breakdown of our investments, rear-end figures in parenthesis, was as follows:—

	%	
United Kingdom	11.69	(3.99)
Europe	12.20	(1.53)
Australasia and Far East	2.28	(1.47)
U.S.A.	51.46	(7.73)
South Africa	22.35	(85.28)

will see from the above that since the year-end we have substantially ed the gold mining content of our portfolio and have increased the ation invested in America and Europe. This is a major change of . In March, 1972, when our break-up value was 197p, the F.T. trial Ordinary index stood at 509 and the Dow Jones Industrial Index 0.70. It was at this time that we started to increase the gold mining nt of our portfolio to a level which amounted at this financial year- to 85.25%. As a result, our break-up value at 31st March, 1975, 4.1p—an increase over the last three years of 13.7% against com- ve falls of 44.9% and 18.3% respectively in the above two indices. r this year I again visited South Africa which caused me to recom- the change of policy mentioned above. Although there is probably doubt that the price of gold will ultimately rise from its present level not certain that this will occur soon enough to compensate for the ued rise in costs facing the South African gold mining industry. are rising more rapidly than in other sectors of South African ry as the mining finance houses find themselves in the front line ir endeavours to improve the general living standards of their em- es. Despite progress made towards more advanced mechanisation, a really substantial and sustained upward movement in the gold price produce a level of profitability to justify higher share prices.

merica whether Republican or Democrat, employed or unemployed, or white, few raise their voices against the maintenance of the present enterprise system. No matter how complex the immediate problems appear, Wall Street must be a major beneficiary of the eventual ry in economic activity throughout the western world. It is for reason that, apart from some investments in Germany and the Nether- , we are in the process of increasing our investments in the United s of America

INTERIM STATEMENT

TOM MARTIN METALS GROUP LIMITED

Interim Statement by the Chairman
Mr. Arthur Hubert, O.B.E., F.R.S.A.

Satisfactory First Half

The unaudited accounts for the 6 months to 30th June 1975, show the following results:—

6 months ended 30th June	1975 £	1974 £
Turnover	8,366,763	11,193,105
Profit after all charges of Management and Depreciation	985,938	1,408,417
LESS Interest on Loan Stock	32,134	34,977
Net profit before Tax	953,804	1,373,440
Less Taxation at 52%	495,978	714,168
Net Profit after Tax	457,826	659,272
Dividends (Interim)	118,236	105,330

The Board has decided to declare an interim dividend of 7.6725% as compared with a dividend of 6.975% for the corresponding period of last year.

The Dividend will be paid on the 15th October 1975, to shareholders on the register at the close of business on the 15th September 1975.

The Dividend will absorb £118,236. Directors owning 1,905,108 shares have decided to waive their dividends.

The Chairman states:-

"The merchanting divisions of the group have been trading very profitably. The tonnages processed have been well maintained, which is a remarkable achievement bearing in mind the state of the economy. The turnover declined due to reduced commodity prices.

The aluminium manufacturing divisions have suffered from the downturn in industrial demand during the second quarter of 1975, and this has resulted in reduction of profitability. It is anticipated that as and when the economic situation improves their profitability will increase rapidly.

We have substantially increased our exports in all our divisions, and our liquid position has been substantially strengthened since the 31st December 1974, with cash at bank now in excess of £1.5 million.

We are continuously investigating suitable projects which will fit in with our existing operations.

In spite of the difficult conditions, I feel certain that results for 1975 will be most satisfactory, and it is the intention to increase the total dividends by the maximum permissible amount".

CBI says UK neglects trade with Indonesia

By Peter Hill

British industry was criticized yesterday: for paying too little attention to the opportunities for increasing trade and investment in Indonesia.

A report* published by the Confederation of British Industry said: "So far British business has been far too slow to examine the possibilities in Indonesia with the result that only 4 per cent of Indonesia's imports are being supplied from the United Kingdom, while less than 2 per cent of all foreign investment in Indonesia has its origin in the United Kingdom.

There is already large-scale involvement in the country by Japanese and American companies, and, according to the CBI mission which prepared the report, "there is a genuine Indonesian desire to see greater economic contact with the United Kingdom".

The CBI stressed that with the fifth largest population in the world, and a rapidly developing economy, Indonesia presented "enormous potential for the foreign investor. These features, it suggested were enhanced by the present favourable political climate and the encouragement of foreign investment by the country's authorities.

Apart from oil resources—sales of crude oil last year realized £1,083m—the CBI report claimed that the country possessed a wealth of other mineral resources, many of which were only now beginning to be developed.

The CBI team, which spent two weeks in the country, suggested that a key area of export and investment potential lay in the supply of capital goods and also the supply of goods and services to support the country's development of an adequate social infrastructure.

On the conditions which are applied by the Indonesia government on foreign investment, the report stated that investment must be in the form of joint ventures with an indigenous Indonesian partner. The government, said the CBI, was also trying to encourage economic development on the outer islands

Stimulus to British involvement might be given by the recent signing of a double taxation agreement between the United Kingdom and Indonesia, while the CBI found that an investment protection agreement was also under discussion.

*Report from Indonesia, CBI price £4.

Report on sales of homes shows fewer willing to move at top level

By David Young

The demand for more expensive property has been halted temporarily, by inflation, limitations on building society advances, higher rates and increased fuel costs, according to research carried out by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Mr Roger Rafferty, chairman of the Institute's estate agency committee, said the survey indicates that most people now seem content with modest homes rather than moving into more expensive ones. "Consequently, prices have fallen and many large houses are extremely good value since it will prove extremely costly to build similar property in the future".

The RICS adds that it seems that people are now sacrificing luxury housing as a long-term economy. Its latest quarterly survey, organized in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, shows that estate agents sold on average 38 houses during the quarter ended May 31, compared with 36 the previous quarter, and that the average number on sale fell from 108.9 to 101.9. Most of the improvement was concentrated at the bottom end of the market.

Among those estate agents taking part in the survey, 58 per cent reported higher overall prices, although the majority said that prices were only "slightly" higher than six months ago.

Against this, the Building Cost Information Service of the RICS estimates that the cost of building new houses has increased by more than 26 per cent in the last 12 months. With very few exceptions it is now cheaper to buy existing houses than to build comparable new ones.

The situation regarding building costs has serious repercussions for the whole housing market, the RICS says. "nobody will buy new property if it becomes substantially more expensive than the used stock.

An immediate result of the increase in building costs must be an increase in insurance premiums on all property to cover the higher costs of repair or replacement, it adds.

The report reveals that the market is busiest in the £7,000-£12,000 range in most parts of the country, with the range moving to £12,000-£20,000 for London and up to £30,000 for flats in central London.

The RICS notes that recent information suggests that the market for housing below £7,000 has been hit in some areas, notably Birmingham, Bristol and Newcastle, by local authority cuts on mortgage lending. Since building societies are reluctant to lend on this type of property it is proving difficult to sell, and prices are falling.

Forecast of Italian upturn for next year

From John Earle
Rome, Aug 20

The recession in Italy will last till next year, when the expected upturn should enable industrial output to recover to the level of 1974. This is one of the main conclusions of a study by Confindustria, the private employers' organization which foresees continuing slackness in levels of production, capital investment and employment for the rest of 1975.

The study, on the prospects for Italian industry in the period 1975-76, forecasts a decline this year of 6.4 per cent in industrial output of 2.2 per cent in capital investment and of 1.8 per cent in the number employed. These falls should be reversed in 1976 through gains of 6.6 per cent in industrial production, 8.7 per cent in capital investment, and 1.2 per cent in the number of jobs.

Taking manufacturing industry by itself (the study also includes construction, mining, and the production of electricity and gas), a fall in output this year of 6.7 per cent should be counterbalanced by an increase in 1976 of 7.4 per cent.

In the vanguard of the recovery should be the capital goods sector, where output next year should be 11.1 per cent up on 1975.

Fears over plastics pact with Russia

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Officials of the Department of Trade are to meet leaders of Britain's plastics industry early next month to discuss complaints that the Anglo-Russian trade agreement signed earlier this year threatens the survival of Britain's injection moulding machinery production.

The British Plastics Federation, which has been pressing for a key clause in the agreement to be re-negotiated, has received an invitation from Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade to send representatives to the meeting.

Letters of support for its claim have come from Opposition spokesmen on trade and industry and from Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Earlier this month the organization described terms, agreed with the Russians by the Prime Minister earlier this year for the joint production of injection moulding machines as "a scandal".

It claimed that such terms would put a substantial number of jobs in jeopardy. Under the agreement Russian enterprises would supply the mechanical units while British companies would provide the electronic control systems. But, according to the federation, the electronic control systems account for only about 8 per cent of the total machine selling price.

Gloomy foretaste of World Bank review

From Frank Vogl
Washington, Aug 20

Financial problems of the developing countries seriously increased in the last year and the outlook for the poorest of these countries for 1975 as a whole appears particularly bleak, according to the International Finance Corporation, which is a member of the World Bank group.

The IFC annual report, published today, outlines the effects of recession and high inflation last year in developed industrial countries on developing countries, and provides a foretaste of the particularly depressing annual report of the World Bank which will be published next week.

The merchandise trade deficit of the oil-importing developing countries more than doubled last year to $44,000m (about £20,755m) from $21,000m, and today's report suggests the current year's deficit will be even worse.

It notes that the terms of trade of these countries deteriorated by about 10 per cent last year "and this adverse trend has continued during the first half of 1975".

The report points out that the developing non-oil producing countries managed to achieve real economic growth rates of between 6 and 7 per cent last year. Largely because of the recession in the chief developed countries they are finding it more difficult to maintain such growth levels this year.

Meanwhile, the situation is far worse for the poorest developing countries, which, the IFC notes, saw their average growth rates decline from 5.3 per cent in 1972 to only 2.4 per cent in 1974.

The IFC stresses that the problems of the developing countries have been seriously aggravated by the dislocation in international financial markets caused by the heavy capital flows produced by the sharp increases in world oil prices.

It is significant that the IFC does not criticize the oil-producing countries at all in this context, and there are clear indications here that the World Bank is so fearful of losing loans from the Arab oil producers that it is going well out of its way to avoid saying anything at all that may in any small degree offend the Arabs.

Total published Euro-credits to the non-oil producing developing countries fell from $5,400m in the first half of 1974 to $3,000m in the second half, and the decline continued

The IFC made a record volume of investments last year with an advance of the 1974 total to a level of $211.7m which takes the total volume of investments in projects by the IFC since it was established in 1956 to $1,262m.

30pc fall in steel production in the Community

From David Cross
Brussels, Aug 20

Steel production in the European Community was about 30 per cent lower last month than in July, 1974, according to figures published by the International Iron and Steel Institute in Brussels today.

The most marked reductions were in Belgium and Luxembourg, where output fell by 45.7 per cent from 1,290,000 to 700,000 tons and by 37.2 per cent from 580,000 to 364,000 tons respectively.

British production was 33.1 per cent down on last July's figure of 1,760,000 tons, closely followed by West Germany with a 29.9 per cent cut from 4,667,000 tons and France with a 28 per cent fall in production from 1,978,000 tons.

During the first seven months of this year steel production in the six founder members of the Community has fallen by 16.9 per cent compared with the same period last year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Patent Office fee increases against Government policy

From the Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC

Sir, May I strongly support the view of the President of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents (August 19) that the vast increases in Patent Office fees will be discouraging to innovation and will present further disadvantages to United Kingdom industry in national and international trading?

This action of the Patent Office appears to be totally contrary to the declared policy of the Government in the recent debate in the House of Lords on the Industry Bill.

I had stated in my speech on this Bill on July 22 (*Hansard*, House of Lords, Col 175) that it was "the duty of the Government at all times to foster and assist, and always to be seen to be fostering and assisting the development of invention and innovation for the benefit of industrial undertaking".

Lord Beswick, for the Government, stated in his reply that the spirit of what I had said commanded great support from the Government.

Whatever may be the reason for these vast increases in Patent Office fees, government accounting methods should be immediately reviewed in regard to Patent Office expenses so that these fees can be reduced.

Yours faithfully,
LLOYD OF KILGERRAN,
President, The Institute of Patentees and Inventors,
House of Lords.

From Mr J. A. G. Collier

Sir, One of the great merits of the patent system is that it assists small companies to make innovations in the face of competition from larger and richer companies. As the President of the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents points out (August 19), there is now a substantial danger that individual inventors and small companies may not be able to afford to apply for patents.

In this connection, I would like to draw attention to the way in which it is proposed to deal with a rather similar situation in the United States.

Like the British Patent Office, the United States Patent Office cannot cover expenditure by income from fees. The proposed revision of the United States Patent Law consequently provides for substantial increases in the official fees which will be payable, including the payment of maintenance fees which, up to now, have not been payable in the United States.

However, in Section 41 of the Bill (S.2255) recently sent to the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary, provisions are proposed which will greatly reduce the burden of fees payable by private applicants and small companies. The combined fees for filing, examination and issuance for individual inventors and small business concerns are not to exceed $100, although the corresponding fees for others are not to be less than $200.

In addition, the same class of persons may defer payment of the first two of the three (rather heavy) maintenance fees where the gross benefit received from the patent is less than the fee payable. These provisions, if finally adopted, will go a long way towards keeping the patent system open to all.

If it be conceded that substantial increases in official fees are necessary in this country, I believe that consideration should be given to reducing fees payable by private inventors and small companies. This would prevent the advantages of the patent system being available only to rich companies.

Yours faithfully,
J. A. G. COLLIER,
14 South Square,
Gray's Inn,
London, W.C.1.

Free advice from the LEB

From Mr Owen Francis

Sir,—While we cannot shrink the bill for electricity already used, Mrs Lightbourn (Letters, August 13) is mistaken in thinking that we do not do all we can to advise our customers on conserving electricity. She will find a free booklet in all LEB shops containing advice on how to save electricity used for heating, cooking, water heating, lighting and all the other appliances found in the home.

Yours faithfully,
OWEN FRANCIS,
Chairman,
London Electricity Board,
46 New Broad Street,
London, E.C.2.

Institutiona regarding c for investm

From Mr D. H. Maitl

Sir, Peter Readman' article "Institutions term risk capital" is tant contribution to debate. The point I w up is the need for hi "fund" to assemble management team te the relevant investm

Top-class managen are a scarce resource Is it really desirable this scarce resourc monitoring other (class) management Surely the objective the best talent i facturing industry it

The institutional r area should be to pr objective and the achieve it is through ing the role of no directors, rather tha imposing another management.

It will be arguer right calibre of no directors is anoth resource. But this is has not been a p develop the releva Companies will need suaded to make relev available to serve p other boards.

Strategically it w more sense to conc this—because the re be developed—rathe divert management yet another operation.

Yours faithfully,
D. H. MAITLAND,
4 Great St Helens,
London EC3

GEC expec

From Mr A. R. M. S.

Sir, Your Industri reported (August Heseltine's plea to chairmen that in th reports they should free enterprise syste

May I commend to tion of your re remarks of Lord Stafford in the rece report of the Gener Company Limited.

A more concise, cl well presented respo Heseltine's plea is imagine. It is to required reading for in positions of pow industry and Governm

Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR SEDGWI
Director,
Gillette Industries Li
Great West Road, Isle
Middlesex.

Leyland shareholders' protest group completely vindicated

From Mr Tom Rothwell

Sir, One rarely meets a situation where the protests and efforts of a comparatively small group of disillusioned people are so quickly and completely vindicated, as is now the case of subscribing members to British Leyland Shareholders' Association.

Even Lord Ryder, in vigorously defending his recommendations for reviving British Leyland, avoided mention of the shareholders when placing blame on the need for "massive investment and a changed attitude by the total workforce—management, shop floor, the lot". Yet it was the independent shareholders who first rebelled against the situation and who focused public attention on the appalling deficiencies within the company by forming this association to oppose the inevitable decline.

At a BLMC meeting on May 7, I personally submitted a carefully drafted amendment which would certainly have eliminated any cause for the recent spate of criticisms and a second one proposed for another meeting on July 14 was unanimously approved by an estimated attendance of over a thousand shareholders. The latter amendment would actually have assisted to restore the Government's rapidly diminishing credibility and compel the directors to act henceforth with initiative and firm resolution.

Yet, these construc posals were contempt missed by the chairm compromisingly use votes from absente holders to defeat t had undergone co trouble to attend t meetings.

Now, all taxpayers holders in this ill-fat prise and it is paramo interests of everyone company does succee enterprise can possibl without profit motiva ever the currency emp in this case it is unque cash.

The association's ai to cooperate fully wit cerned and within the responsibility, to see t principles are not circu for expediency or reasons. In that sense, be the taxpayers' watc anyone interested in mended to write direc John Milne, private to the Secretary of Industry at 1 Victoria SW1H 0ET requesting on the list of taxpay approve of the as representing their inte this important matter.

Your truly,
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August 14.

Telegraphic addresses

From Mr C. D. Pike

Sir, My company, which has been trading since about 1710, has the telegraphic address "Clay" and "Key". "Newton Abbot", dating back to the 1880's which is still in use.

During this period we have been the main producer of clay for the pottery industry.

Yours faithfully,
C. D. PIKE,
Chairman,
Watts Blake Bearne & Co Ltd,
Park House,
Courtenay Park,
Newton Abbot,
Devon.
August 12.

From Mr Richard Flower

Sir, My grandfather, James Flower, took over a stockbroking firm from an ex-woollen merchant called Cecil Oswain. Each day he rode his hor Hampstead to the C tethered his horse to near a pond which is n junction between C Avenue and Angel Cour ing to Throgmorton Stre

He must have obtain of the first tele addresses in London. stockbroker it was a goo "Flower Stock London."

I also remember my saying that James Flow Sons was the original ter No 2 Angel Court. The fir also the third subscriber new fangled telephone in the City.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD FLOWER,
48a Connaught Square,
London, W2.
August 13.

Conservation and Mariculture

From Mr G. W. Rothery

Sir, Your newspaper (Business Diary, August 19) and others have commented on the position of Mariculture Limited, which is now in receivership. It is true, as these newspaper articles have mentioned, that conservation has been one of the problems which have faced the company.

However, this issue is not in a position of deadlock and, speaking for one of the largest shareholders in Mariculture Limited, I should like to emphasize that the relevant conservation authority—the Marine Turtle Specialist Group of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources—has shown itself anxious to be of assistance to Mariculture, and to agree with the company certain guid under which the compan rear turtles in a manner would not offend the prin of conservation.

To this end the receiv Mariculture has invited r sentatives of the Marine T Specialist Group to a me which will be held in Lo later this month, and th sponse from the Group has immediate and positive. future of turtle farming, therefore of Mariculture I ted, cannot be assessed prop until the result of that mee is known.

Yours faithfully,
G. W. ROTHERY,
Commonwealth Developmen Finance Co Limited,
Colechurch House,
London, SE1.

BANKERS' FINAL EXAMINATIONS

The Institute of Bankers yesterday elected to Associateship of the Institute (A.I.B.) 988 candidates who completed their final examinations earlier this year. The names of the successful candidates are given below.

BANKING DIPLOMA

948 Candidates who completed Part II in April, 1975

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ALLIED BANK INTERNATIONAL—M. R. Pritchard.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LIMITED—Catherine Ann Harrison.

BAHAMAS INTERNATIONAL TRUST COMPANY LIMITED—V. J. Dunston,*.

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA—N. Nallathamby.

BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST & SAVINGS ASSOCIATION—A. W. B. Ferguson; E. Heng Chin Eleu; Wong Kum Woo.

BANK OF BARODA—B. Mukherjee; S. V. Ramchandran.

BANK OF CEYLON—J. F. G. De Silva, a; K. H. D. Lokananda, f.

BANK OF CYPRUS (LONDON) LTD.—A. T. Savlangos.

BANK OF ENGLAND—M. D. K. W. Foot, a; F. M. Nicholas; S. F. R. Sabine.

BANK OF EUROPE LTD—R. H. Marsden.

BANK OF MAURITIUS—N. L. Shoyroo.

BANK OF MONTREAL—Lo Ping Keung.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA JAMAICA LIMITED—D. D. Bromfield; H. W. Powell; K. G. Simpson.

BANK OF TOKYO LTD.—P. A. J. Warren.

BANQUE DE L'INDOCHINE S.A.—Chan Swee Nee.

BANQUE NATIONALE DE PARIS LIMITED—I. M. Jenkins.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

How Tubes proposes to hold the line

a brave engineer these which is prepared to stick ck out and make any sort ecast. The fact that Tube ments, was prepared to do sterday was worth a 16p 232p on the share price. have been plenty of wor- the market over the past months about how TI will uring the oncoming reces- iven its heavy involvement domestic appliances, nium, through British nium, and the collapse of mportant United States t for bicycles.

interim profits go far to- confounding the sceptics. e higher interest charges ch incidentally should be norous in the second half the recent £13.8m rights comes into play—pre-tax s are only £1¼m down to

the plus side this *masks* rb performance from steel which contributed almost cent of trading profit; a instead of a three-day period loss, from domestic aces and an improving ne *tool* picture.

unst this, cycle profits been more than halved; truggling against low de- and an industry over- ity situation contributed £0.3m, against £1.8m to g profit and overseas trad- rofits slumped from £4¼m t under £2m.

, TI says it should repeat erim profit in the current onths to leave a more or nchanged picture for the The assumptions are as . Steel tubes, lagging be- teneral industrial activity, ow begin to turn down. omestic appliances should njoy the seasonally better half. The overseas flop in st half was due to specific lties—a strike in Canada ower problems in India— ould return to more nor- erformance levels. Mean- machine tools should ue to improve; there are of something slightly from BA and the cycle m is stabilizing.

ther that makes the worth buying on a yield per cent and a p/e ratio and 5 depends on whether accepts TI's apparent ctions on the severity of nited Kingdom recession inter and its impact on business as domestic ces.

n: 1975 (1974)
lization: £105m
£292m (£240m)
s profits: £19.2m (£20.7m)
nd gross: 12.3p (10.75p).

Woolworth

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Woolworth should show improvement in the first r of this year was only xpected, given the dismal nance in the correspond- eriod; but that the ement should not merely ntained but accelerated in cond quarter is distinctly ing.

that a 10.2 per cent ad- pre-tax over the six —after stripping out the y element—is anything e home about; but the e the 16.3 per cent pre- ance of the second quar- achieved on a sales gain at 27 per cent, was y a couple of points of the variety store for the corresponding months (although six below that which the itself achieved in the onal first quarter), does that the protracted to change the sales mix paying off at last.

Woolworth is still one of wait and see situations. nup is confident of its ability to hold on to the improvement so far, which suggests something in the region of £32m (as against £30.7m) pre-tax for the year; but the scope for continuing margins recovery is likely to be curtailed by competition before the end of 1975, and by further wage settlements thereafter. There is not enough in the first-half figures to support any theories that Woolworth will outshine the rest of the retailers in what is bound to be a tough six months for all of them. However, the shares, at 47p for a prospective yield of 13 per cent, are not likely to slip back, although their strength against the sector is likely to be less marked from now on.

Interim: 1975 (1974)
Capitalization: £178m
Sales: £269m (£209m)
Pre-tax profits: £10.4m (£11.7m)
Dividend gross: 1.88p (1.83p)

Pye

Offsetting the TV slump

Pye has managed an interim increase in both profits and margins, but this is no indication that it has remained immune from the problems implicit in a collapsing colour television market. The April boom saw dealers de-stocking rather than stepping up their offtake from manufacturers and May and June were truly dreadful months. So the consumer division as a whole—the source of 30 per cent of trading profits last year—actually slipped back into loss.

July was not quite so bad and at current stock levels deliveries can at least expect to keep pace with sales. But even with some seasonal recovery in the autumn the reckoning appears to be on a full year loss. It is some measure of the strength Pye has been showing elsewhere, then, that it has done so well at the interim and that, even with talk of the second half being less good than last year, a pre-tax total not too far below 1974's £10.6m still looks likely.

The group's present resilience owes most to the communications side, particularly two-way radios, and the overseas interests, where Pye Industries in Australia is currently experiencing the kind of soaring demand which the United Kingdom experienced until last year.

But while both divisions seem likely to hold up well enough this year, there must be vulnerability on the communications side next year. And the slump in domestic colour television sales must, in due course, raise worries about Australia following suit. Whether Pye can hold up in 1976 could thus depend a great deal on a recovery in consumer demand in the United Kingdom, which is not much of a basis on which to pin a case for the shares at 49p. Meanwhile, Pye's own inflation accounting system could mean little enough margin for paying a maintained dividend. If one assumes the dividend will be held anyway, the yield is 11½ per cent.

Interim 1975 (1974)
Capitalization £24.1m
Sales £107m (£90m)
Pre-tax profits £5.12m (£4.2m)
Dividend gross 1.89p (1.83p)

Dixon Photographic

Broadening the capital base

Although Dixons Photographic has reduced its borrowings by around £7m to just over £1m in the year to end April, it has still been thought necessary to join the rights issue queue. But to protect family control, the funding has been constrained to a one-for-eight basis at 27p a share—the discounto f 25 per cent not being out of line with several recent issues.

The results themselves are reasonably satisfactory considering the £712,000 setback at the interim stage, pre-tax profits ending the year some £532,000 to the good at £4.32m. The impetus in the second half came largely from the pre-VAT adjustment buying spree, which lifted United Kingdom retailing profits margin ally overall to £2.75m. But since the beginning of May, trade has been much patchier with television sales notably weak.

In Europe, Holland failed to make a breakthrough during calendar 1974 but has now reached profits of substantial proportions—indicating the backbone of defence against the possibility of a United Kingdom setback. The other major territory, Switzerland, ploughed ahead by a good £500,000.

Assuming for the moment, on a conservative basis, maintained earnings this year, Dixons is selling at around four times earnings and yields 8.6 per cent on the forecast gross dividend of 3p on a notional post rights price of 35p—the rights themselves being worth only 1p with the ordinary and "A" shares both closing at 36p last night. Whether the prospective yield is sufficient inducement to subscribe is open to question.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £8.5m
Sales £60.1m (£46.7m)
Pre-tax profits £4.32m (£3.78m)
Earnings per share 9.1p (7.6p)
Dividend gross 1.46p (1.32p)

Hanson Trust

More action in the US

Hanson Trust has again shown its entrepreneurial skills with the disposal of its 24 per cent holding in the United States building group, Gable Industries, at $15 a share compared with the November 1973 purchase price of $7.12. The $8m thus accruing (equivalent to nearly twice that amount if Hanson had wished to go through the premium market) will go some way towards funding the $35m cash required to finance the Indiao-Head textile acquisition, where the borrowing requirement is now reduced to not much more than twice I-H's potential profits and around 40 per cent of the $60m book value of assets.

The timing has been somewhat influenced by the particular difficulties the United States building industry still experiences and by Hanson's view that the general business economy is now on the mend with inflation under control. Hanson shareholders who happily subscribed some £8.6m in the recent rights issue can hardly complain that they are not seeing plenty of action.

CMT/LCP

Scope for argument

Now that Central Manufacturing has put an end to the talking with LCP—at some expense to its own share price—the ball is now firmly in the LCP court. On a straight equity/earnings split the LCP board may find it hard to quibble with the CMT terms. In short, if they are to hold out for more, their main plank must probably be their assets, notably the Pensnett trading estate. But that raises the question of how much more CMT could afford to offer given that the convertible part of the present package already looks set to stand some 5-10 points below par.

Planning agreements—an alternative for British shipbuilders

Peter Hill

In a four paragraph statement on July 1, Mr Eric Varley, newly installed as Secretary of State for Industry, conceded to Parliament that pressure of the legislative programme was such that the Government's plans to nationalize the shipbuilding industry would have to be deferred to the next Parliamentary session.

He stressed that the Government would nevertheless be going ahead with the Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries Bill "at the very earliest opportunity" to bring companies on the takeover list into the public net next year.

Britain's shipbuilders, who have been fiercely opposing nationalization, gained an unexpected reprieve, although the further delay can only add to the considerable uncertainty which has been created by the Government's proposals since they were first enunciated—in anything like a comprehensive form—in the so-called "consultative paper" published by Mr Benn in the summer of 1974.

But is the Labour Party's long cherished desire to effect nationalization of the shipbuilding industry an objective to be realized in the national interest, at a time when the need for careful husbandry of public funds has become of prime importance?

Is there not an alternative—and a more effective one—that would achieve the same objective in terms of macro economic management and bring about the much needed improvement in the industry's efficiency? I suggest there is.

That alternative was enshrined in the Government's White Paper on the Regeneration of British Industry which underlined the need for "a vigorous, alert, responsible and profitable private sector, working together with government in a framework which brings together the interests of all concerned: those who work in industry, whether in management or on the shop floor, those who own its assets and those who use its products and depend upon its success".

Shipbuilding is hardly a commanding height of the economy. But it is important, as the June trade figures dramatically illustrated with the £60m drain resulting from the delivery from foreign yards of ships for British owners.

Yet the Labour Party seems set on bringing British shipbuilders into the public sector alongside the railways, steel, docks and the other nationalized industries.

As a result of "fire brigade" rescue exercises in the past, the Government now controls the Belfast group of Harland and Wolff, it owns 50 per cent of Cammell Laird Shipbuilders, it owns Sunderland Shipbuilders acquired last year in the Court Line failure) and Govan Shipbuilders, the successor company to the ill-starred Upper Clyde Shipbuilders.

Between 1965 and June of last year some £156,143,000 had been paid out of government funds in the form of loans, grants and the purchase of shares into shipbuilding. But the "public" sector companies—and this included monies funded to Marathon, the American oil rig building company which took over the old John Brown yard of UCS—accounted for £109,243,000.

Cash paid out to "private" sector companies, including Swan Hunter, Scott Lithgow and others, amounted to just short of £47m. Loans, which are repaid, totalled £12.3m while grants were £34.5m. But some £25m of this total was in the form of cash provided in the form of construction grants to match subsidies being paid to foreign competitors.

Money continues to be poured into the "public" sector. Harland and Wolff—so vital a part of the Ulster economy with its 10,000 employees—is to have losses of around £60m met by the Government.

Meanwhile, at the beginning of August Mr Varley announced that Govan Shipbuilders was to receive a further £17.2m of support (the maintenance of employment for the company's 5,320 workers being an important factor) boosting total government support for UCS/Govan to just short of a staggering £100m.

Mr Varley made it clear that the further assistance to Govan Shipbuilders would be subject to four conditions being met, adding (UCS creditors please note): "If any of these conditions was not fulfilled, and the Government decided before the end of 1979 to give no further support to the company, then the Government would ensure that Govan Shipbuilders was enabled financially to discharge its outstanding commitments to shipowners and creditors".

The "private" sector companies have seen huge tranches of cash being handed out to rival "public" sector companies while they have received relatively very little and yet have survived.

The shipbuilders have long argued that there is a pressing need for a national policy for British shipbuilding—although Whitehall insists that the country has had one—a policy which would be an integral part of its "alternative to nationalization" on which it has expounded at length.

The Government, they say, must decide whether it wants a shipbuilding industry—and for social, strategic and economic reasons—the decision must be in the affirmative. With industry and unions it should determine what size the industry should have and on what markets it should concentrate.

This task is already under way, within the embryonic Little Neddy for the shipbuilding industry, and the preliminary results should be available by about the time Parliament reassembles. Unions and management, within Little Neddy, are working together.

Shipbuilders have said that while they oppose nationalization, if that is what the Government decrees, they will work within it, but in the interregnum, and in view of the pressure on public funds, surely all three sides should explore the desirability of initiating a planning agreement for the industry under which "public" and "private" sectors could coexist.

The Government's consultative document talks about "the heart of planning agreements system will be a series of consultations between the Government and companies, leading to an agreement about strategic plans".

It is a strategy which is desperately needed in the shipbuilding industry. The same paper goes on to say: "It is essential that planning agreements should not restrict the freedom of companies to respond to market fluctuations, above all where companies are in competition with overseas manufacturers".

Planning agreements seem tailor-made for the shipbuilding industry (and careful reading of the industry's alternative strategy indicates that this was appreciated and anticipated).

But the Government clearly has to consider the implications of shelving its nationalization proposals, and the impact this would have on its own Left wing.

Mr Varley has demonstrated that he is prepared to risk the ire of the Left, and his Govan statement indicated a realistic approach to shipbuilding subventions.

Would it not be better, in the national interest, and cheaper compensation to shipbuilders is likely to be of the order of £100m-£150m on a conservative estimate and negotiations about terms would drag on possibly for years), to negotiate a planning agreement with the "private" sector on a voluntary basis rather than press ahead with nationalization?

This form of government, union and management participation in the direction of an industry which plays a relatively small but nevertheless vital part in the health of the British economy is desirable.

The industry could adapt far more quickly to the operation of market forces—essential at a critical period like the present—and this would be distinctly preferable to the cumbersome (pace Mr Benn and decentralization) operation of a nationalized British Shipbuilders.

Eastern Europe airs economic reforms

The touchy topic of economic reforms is coming to the fore again in Eastern Europe. Reformers being allowed space to defend their ideas and achievements in key publications, and with practical steps that represent as often as not refinements rather than reversals of reform measures.

The drive for Comecon integration, pressed for chiefly by Moscow, entails the demand for a fair degree of uniformity in planning procedures and economic practice. There is little room for the kind of national experimentation that marked the 1960s in Eastern Europe, let alone the political dreaming that often went with it. But underneath, worthwhile changes and discussions are in progress.

The need for much greater efficiency, prompted by East Europe's urge to maintain living standards in the face of vastly increased bills for imports from both the West and Russia, is being put to good use by the rationalizers. Central control is on the increase is such areas as imports and investments, but meanwhile fiscal measures aim at increasing management's awareness of the need for true profitability. Red tape is being cut to bring decision-making closer to the point where facts are best known and where decisions will have to be carried out.

Changes in world market conditions are forcing Comecon itself to reform some of its basic trade and financial methods in the direction long advocated by such pragmatic countries as Poland and Hungary.

The organization's trade price system is being revamped to make it more responsive to world trends and thus more stimulative to the production of goods it needs. Moves are being considered to try to expand the role of the "transferable rouble" from that of a unit of bilateral accounting, to a properly convertible currency of intra-Comecon trade.

The Hungarians are also reversing the argument that the present degrees of decentralization in various Comecon countries, represent a "prime disintegrative factor" for the organization, and thus, in effect, degrees of infidelity to the common cause.

A major analysis of East European reform practices, published in the social affairs quarterly of the industrial province of Borsod, implies instead that the way to the kind of standardization needed for integrating Comecon national plans lies through the general adoption of proven elements of such comprehensive economic reforms as Hungary's own.

In Poland, an under-publicized but far-reaching economic reform, whose main stress lies on relating the income of each workforce to the profitability of each enterprise, is being extended this year to firms producing about two-thirds of the country's industrial output. It is also being combined with an administrative reorganization that reached its most dramatic stage earlier this summer.

Poland's 17 voivodships (regions) and five autonomous urban areas, made up of 314 districts, were suddenly replaced with a system of 49 provinces, each looking after 50 to 60 parishes and town wards, without any interposing district administration at all.

The aim, as in the case of the economic reform, is to strengthen the effectiveness of central authority and at the same time offer more room for local initiative. Apart from reducing the hitherto almost ducal power of voivodship party bosses, the reform has eliminated a whole administrative level which in the state apparatus alone employed some 121,000 people, with further large numbers in the parallel economic and party organs.

Together they represented an entire stratum of power with largely conservative inclinations and all the means open to such a provincial mafia for obstructing central reform measures.

The swiftness of the reorganization, announced on May 12 and in force by June 1, looks an attempt to sap their resistance, while a main reason given for the shake-up being effected at this time has been the country's need to save on resources and manpower.

Its connexion with the economic reform in progress, which observers have inferred from, among other things, the delineation of the new provinces mainly with a view to creating balanced economic units capable of looking after themselves, was confirmed by the Prime Minister, Mr Piotr Jaroszewicz, in a speech at the end of June.

Addressing the plenary session of the State and Party Commission for the Modernization of Management and the Economy, he praised the results of the reform since its slow introduction in 1973 and spoke of plans now ready, or in the making, to extend it to the rest of Poland's economy.

In Hungary, which in 1968 introduced Eastern Europe's most successful economic reforms, the removal of its main author, Mr Rezso Nyers, from his post as secretary of the party's central committee in charge of the economy in March, 1974, prompted serious fears of a return to centralism.

Mr Nyers has since been also deprived of his seat in the Politburo, and a number of other reformist leaders, including Mr Jeno Fock, the country's Prime Minister since 1967 have also lost their posts. But after a good deal of criticism concerning the reform it is now being reassessed in a more positive way. Mr Nyers has been given a chance to defend its achievements in a long interview and to express his conviction that present measures to curtail enterprise would be temporary.

An authoritative analysis of the reform in the June issue of the party's main theoretical monthly, *Tarsadalmi Szemle*, also gives warning against the strong tendency "to ascribe all our present problems and difficulties to the reform."

The big question mark hangs over Czechoslovakia. Its interesting, if not always perfect reforms of the late 1960s, went into limbo after the August, 1968, Soviet invasion, and the replacement of Mr Dubcek with Dr Husak in April, 1969.

Now, the problems that the reforms were meant to solve have been compounded with the difficulties the country faces as a heavy importer of raw materials at much higher prices.

There are signs that reformism, though under no such provocative label, may be given scope again. Management methods have come under increasing criticism in the past few months, together with some so far unspecified higher state organs. A member of the Slovak Party Presidium, Mr Herbert Durkovic, has called for a closer study of market forces and for giving middle-level managements wider responsibilities, especially in foreign trade.

All this is likely to be taken as an encouragement by former reformists who, in a significant number of cases, have survived in jobs not too far below their earlier posts.

Of the two people promoted at last month's Central Committee meeting on the economy, at least one, Mr Jan Baryl, a secretary of the Central Committee and head of its economic department, who became a candidate member of the party's top ruling body, appears to be a man open to fresh ideas of a pragmatic nature.

Paul Neuburg

Business Diary: Mineral rites • Watching that wasteline

the joke about the pretty turned by publicans talent for the judicious tion of water, but Jack isn't bothered who what he gets up to in pect.

ett is now selling water he spring outside his it Skenfrith, Gwent, to e and Sons, a Whitbread ry, who in turn are ng it under the Rawlings Crystal Water, a rival veppes' Evian and Mal- ters.

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ugh they were very helpful in showing him the ins and outs of bottling mineral water, they weren't interested in bottling any from the Priest's Well. Eventually, however, he did a deal with R. White's.

The first batch of Crystal Water began cuddling up against scotch last week, having been collected by tanker at Skenfrith and bottled at Whitbread's Cuffley, Gloucester, plant.

The appearance of one of the first 26-oz bottles caused some merriment with Des and Christine Palmer, proprietors of Bennett's local, The Priory Motel, down in the village.

Before mains water reached the village a year or so ago, it was water piped from Priest's Well that gurgled through The Priory's taps and cisterns.

But while the Palmers opted for the new mains supply, Bennett soldiers on loyally with the spring for both domestic and business use—for one thing he's not obliged to pay water rates.

Golden Fleece

Senator William Proxmire of Wisconsin's way of promoting himself as the public's watchdog of the massive United States Government bureaucracy is his monthly "Golden Fleece" award, for the biggest or most ridiculous example of government waste, leading up to the "Fleece of the Year" award.

The latest discovery by the Democrat from Wisconsin is the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spent $57,800 on a study of the body measurements of airline stewardess trainees. A

Henri Hassid: much travelled car man

103-page report was produced dealing with 79 measurements from head to foot. The study discovered each of the 423 girls involved had different measurements, thus proving next to nothing, except perhaps enjoyable.

The senator, who has long campaigned for the abolition of many government regulatory agencies, noted that "it is clear that the FAA, in this redundant study, is doing what they do best".

Peugeot's man

Peugeot, the French car company which has been doing quite nicely in Britain so far this year, has imported some new blood to head its United Kingdom subsidiary in the form of Henri Hassid, a much travelled car man who has been assigned the task of boosting sales even further.

Hassid, who is 50, comes to Peugeot's United Kingdom headquarters at Acton fresh from his success in South America where as deputy manager he has seen Peugeots assembled at plants in Argentina, Chile and Uruguay capture 10 per cent of domestic markets.

With the Citroen-Peugeot merger likely to be finalized early next year, Hassid clearly will be under pressure to establish his company's marque more firmly. Last year, Peugeot sold 12,000 cars in Britain and in spite of tumbling sales for almost everybody else, is planning to increase this to 15,000 this year. In the first six months, 8,171 cars were sold, the most popular being the Peugeot 504, against 6,235 a year earlier.

However, Hassid has to face the fact that Peugeot arrived late in the United Kingdom car market and still holds only 1.25 per cent of sales, its lowest penetration in Europe.

Hassid takes over the London managing directorship from Bernard Terquem who set up the British operation five years ago

Dr Cipa

Destined for one of the hottest seats in German industry is the 46-year-old Walter Cipa, who to the surprise of all was presented at this week's annual meeting of AEG Telefunken as the company's new deputy chief executive. After a year of learning the ropes he will take over the chairmanship of AEG's managing board from Hans Groebe.

Credited with the remark "I fear only facts, God and my wife", Cipa is regarded as an able and tough but also fair manager. Until the end of last month, he was chief executive of the Gelsenberg oil group, where he piloted the company through the difficult transition from being a coal-based concern to one of the leading domestic German oil businesses.

His days at Gelsenberg were numbered, however, once the Federal government decided that the merger of his company with the Veba energy group would create the ideal framework for a German national oil company. Cipa fought for a smaller scale solution whereby Gelsenberg would take over Veba's oil and chemical interests leaving its electricity, glass and trading interests outside the new grouping.

Cipa's stubborn fight for his own idea meant that ultimately there was no place for him in the new Veba Gelsenberg complex so that at the end of July he joined Germany's army of unemployed—as it happened for all of 19 days.

He owes his appointment to the AEG post to Dr Juergen Ponto, the chief executive of Dresdner Bank AG, and since March this year chairman of the ailing electrical group's supervisory board.

As AEG lost 684m Deutsche marks last year and notched up further losses in the first half of 1975, Dr Cipa is going to need all his management ability to put the company back on its feet.

TUBE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

Interim Statement

Results and Dividend

At their meeting today the Directors of Tube Investments Limited considered the results of the Group for the six months ended 30th June 1975 which showed earnings for the period after taxation attributable to Tube Investments Limited amounting to £8,465,000 (20.6p per £1 Ordinary Stock). The Directors decided to declare an Interim Dividend on the Ordinary Stock for the year ending 31st December 1975 of 8.0p per £1 Ordinary Stock (*1974-7.2p*). Dividend warrants will be posted on 18th October 1975 to members on the registers on 15th September 1975.

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account Summary

	Six months to 30th June 1975 £000	*Six months to 30th June 1974 £000*
External Sales	£291,782	£240,055
Trading Profit	23,356	22,172
Profit before Taxation	19,226	20,769
Taxation	10,039	10,536
Earnings for the period	8,465	9,503

Comments and Prospects

A high level of deliveries to capital goods industries and improved overseas sales enabled Steel Tube Division to earn good profits despite low demand from consumer industries. Domestic Appliance and Machine Divisions benefited from action taken to deal with internal problems and improved their profits. Overall the Group performance held up well in spite of the depressed economic conditions at home and abroad, although there were weak areas. Cycle Division was hit especially hard by the collapse of the United States bicycle market and its repercussions. The results of the Overseas Division were seriously affected by a two-month strike at the principal tube factory in Canada and by a major downturn in consumer sales in Australia. British Aluminium suffered from a particularly sharp fall in the demand for aluminium products.

It is to be expected that the profits of the Steel Tube Division, which is usually affected relatively late in the economic cycle, will now begin to fall in response to the economic recession. In the second half of the current year this should be compensated by continued recovery and favourable seasonal factors in Domestic Appliance, Machine and Overseas Divisions. Group profits for the second half should therefore approximate to those for the first half. The economic prospect worldwide is too uncertain for any further forecast to be made. The diversity of TI's products and the geographical spread of its markets will enable the Group to exploit any upturn in business at home or abroad.

20th August 1975

SIEMENS

Information for Siemens Shareholders

Slight Upturn in Orders

During the first nine months of the current financial year (1st October 1974 to 30th June 1975) orders received increased by 9% to £ 3,185 million. While early figures for our international business were good, in recent months we increasingly felt the effects of recession experienced in nearly all industrialized countries, reflected in a stagnation of export orders as against last year's totals and a gain of only 6% in international business. We also experienced an initial decline in new orders in the Federal Republic of Germany; however, in June, shortly before the expiration of the federal investment incentive programme, new orders advanced well ahead of last year's levels. Home market business thus recorded a growth rate of 12% for the period under review. How this will affect anticipated orders for the months ahead remains to be seen.

Sales exceeded those of the preceding year by 9%, attaining a total of £ 2,539 million for the first nine months. The economic malaise was felt most acutely by Siemens in the German domestic market. Here, sales of £ 1,317 million represented an increase of only 3% over comparable figures of a year ago; this is tantamount to a slight decrease when adjusted for price rises. In contrast, international sales reached £ 1,222 million, topping last year's levels by 16%.

As the result of an acceleration towards theend of the third quarter, order backlogs attained £ 3,626 milion. Capacity utilization nonetheless took a turn for the worse in some areas. Certain components plants and factories producing mass goods were especially hard hit, with capacity utilization ranging from 55 to 60%. Order backlogs again included major, long-term projects which will contribute to the utilization of plant capacities only in succeeding years. A shorter working week therefore remains unavoidable in several sectors. By the same token, the replacement of employees leaving the Company has been virtually discontinued. During the first three quarters of the current financial year the number of Siemens employees dropped 3% to 299,000.

Capital projects were implemented as scheduled. To date, £ 159 million have been spent during the current financial year, primarily on operations efficiency and modernization.

Net income for the initial nine months of the current financial year was £ 68 million. As in the first half year, this figure represents 2.7% of sales.

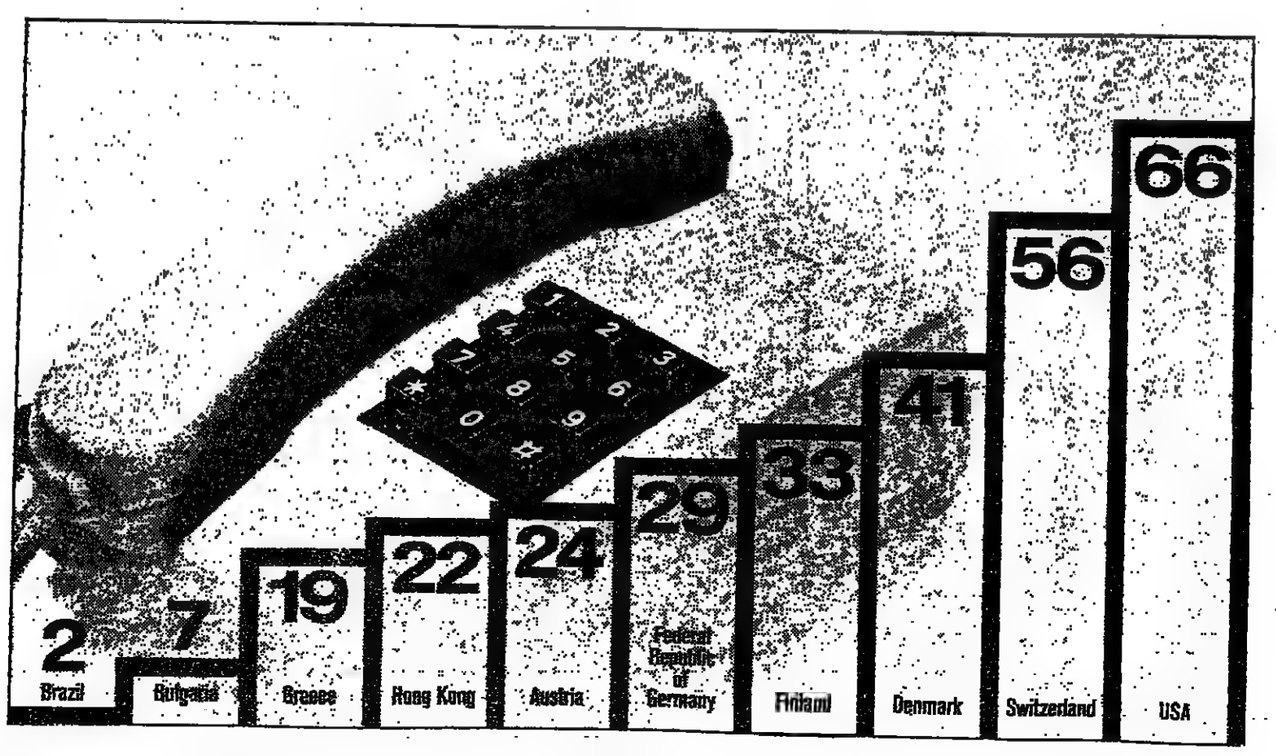
For the total 1974/75 financial year we anticipate some £ 4,100 million in new orders and sales exceeding £ 3,500 million.

	1/10/73 to 30/6/74	1/10/74 to 30/6/75	Change
Orders received (in millions of £)			
Domestic operations	2,283	2,452	+ 8%
less export orders	818	814	± 0%
Domestic business	1,465	1,638	+ 12%
International business	1,461	1,547	+ 6%
	2,926	3,185	+ 9%
Sales (in millions of £)			
Domestic operations	1,812	1,982	+ 9%
less export orders	531	645	+ 22%
Domestic business	1,281	1,317	+ 3%
International business	1,047	1,222	+ 16%
	2,328	2,539	+ 9%

	30/9/74	30/6/75	Change
Order backlog (in millions of £)	3,050	3,625	+ 19%
Employees (in thousands)			
Domestic operations	221	209	− 5%
International operations	88	90	+ 2%
	309	299	− 3%

	1/10/73 to 30/6/74	1/10/74 to 30/6/75	
Employment cost (in millions of £)	1,113	1,233	+ 11%
Capital expenditures and investments (in millions of £)	147	159	+ 8%
Inventories (30th June) in % of sales	33%	39%	
Net income (in millions of £)	68	68	
in % of sales	2.8%	2.7%	

Amounts translated at Frankfurt middle rate on June 30, 1975: £ = DM 5.161.



Telephone stations per 100 inhabitants (Jan. 1, 1974)

Telephones Still a Growth Market

Despite constant expansion of the world's telephone networks, even highly industrialized nations remain a long way from the point of market saturation. The U.S., for example, with 66 telephone stations per 100 inhabitants, continues to install new telephones. Like the television or the washing machine, the telephone belongs in every home. As a leader in the communications field, Siemens is in a position to make the most of the opportunities offered by this expanding market.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Soaring sales and better margin lift F J Wallis profit by 36 pc

By Terry Byland

Such is the lethargy of the equity market at present that not even a rise of 36 per cent to a record £1,242,000 pre-tax profit for the first half of the year could stir the shares of F. J. Wallis, the Essex based supermarket group, yesterday.

They closed unchanged on the day at 69p, only a few pence higher than at the group's previous year-end, and have thus yet to reflect the substantial improvement in trading in the six months to June 28. For good measure, the interim payment is raised by the maximum permitted to make 1.61p a share.

The rise in profits can be attributed directly to a massive increase in sales—£30.2m, against £19.7m in the comparable period. But equally significant is the recovery in margins, which had fallen sharply at the end of the previous year. Margins of 4.1 per cent for the period reported are only 0.5 per cent below those for the first half of last year.

Mr D. Glynn, chairman, said yesterday that the major stimulus to the mid-term result came from increasing involvement in the fresh food sector—particularly the butchery side.

The board contents itself with the brief comment that the interim result was "in line with expectations" and "very satisfactory". But this adds teeth to the equally bald prediction that turnover continues to progress at a "very satisfactory level" and that the outlook for the second half is "up to expectations".

Four new supermarkets and one non-food unit were opened during the half, but against a total of 100-plus stores, the increase in selling space was slight. For the second half, Wallis plans to open two more stores, including one 18,000 square-footer, which will be the group's largest to date.

But, unlike some competitors, Wallis rejects any policy of pushing turnover ahead by constantly opening new stores. Mr Glynn gives warning that the current cost of buying and developing new sites, is "imprudent" to achieve over growth by this [illegible]. Hypermarkets are a little [illegible] the Wallis league [illegible]. Mr Glynn has no wish [illegible] the pioneers on that frontier either.

The group is more [illegible] in concentrating on [illegible] units, where it sees further scope for [illegible] sales and profitability [illegible] also sees chances in the economic climate of both sides and exists as trading conditions tighter.

The stock market [illegible] the retail sector just [illegible] good reason in some [illegible] in view of the all-[illegible] recovery in trading in the past six months [illegible] to see how Wallis can re-establish its previous pattern at the end of [illegible]. And the prudent expansion plans should protect the shareholders—from a [illegible] surprises.

Carroll's replacement basis means 'net' drop

Irish-based cigarette and tobacco manufacturer P. J. Carroll joins the list of major companies to introduce a measure of inflation accounting with its presentation of results for the year to June 30.

Group profit on the conventional basis shows a rise from £3.4m to £3.7m pre-tax. But after allowing for replacement of assets used in the business during the year, profit is shown as £2.61m against £2.79m for the previous year, similarly adjusted. Turnover rose from £59.2m to £69.8m.

The directors regard the results as "satisfactory"—having regard to the inflationary conditions in the economy. A final dividend of 6p makes a total of 8.75p against 7.5p a share. Earnings rose from 10.6p to 13.6p a share.

Domestic sales of tobacco products reached a fresh record but export sales were lower. Higher sales in the pharmaceutical division were hit by tighter profit margins, and the outcome was a fall of 18 per cent in profits. Dakora, the print and packaging subsidiary, had another "very satisfactory year".

The full report and accounts will include, in addition to the usual information, a balance sheet drawn in current values.

Tom Ma[illegible] optimisti[illegible] after slip

By Tony May

Although pre-tax [illegible] the Tom Martin Me[illegible] are down from a reco[illegible] to £953,000 for the s[illegible] to June 30, the boar[illegible] the full year to brin[illegible] satisfactory" result [illegible] £2.7m last year. T[illegible] hopes to pay the maxi[illegible] missible dividend, a[illegible] while is raising th[illegible] from 1.04p to 1.17p.

Turnover is do[illegible] £11.19m to £8.3m he[illegible] reduction in commod[illegible]. Net profits are £438,0[illegible] £659,000.

Mr Arthur Hub[illegible] group's chairman, say[illegible] merchanting divisio[illegible] been trading profitab[illegible] nages processed have [illegible] maintained, and he[illegible] this a remarkable ach[illegible] in the present stat[illegible] economy.

The aluminium m[illegible] ing divisions have [illegible] from the downturn [illegible] dustrial demand du[illegible] second quarter of [illegible] this has resulted in [illegible] profits.

The board hopes th[illegible] economy improves, [illegible] lity will also pick up [illegible].

The group has [illegible] tially" increased its [illegible] all divisions, and its li[illegible] tion has been [illegible] strengthened since [illegible] 31, with cash at the [illegible] exceeding £1.5m.

Mr Hubert says [illegible] board is continuously [illegible] gating suitable projec[illegible] may fit in with the [illegible] operations.

In his annual rep[illegible] April, Mr Hubert s[illegible] capital expenditure [illegible] would amount to [illegible] bringing the total for [illegible] two years to some £1[illegible]

Strong start and bigger payout at Richard Clay

A bumper beginning has been made to 1975 by the Richard Clay book-printing and binding group. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30 reached £601,000, compared with a record £795,000 for the whole of last year and an abnormally depressed £183,000 a year ago.

The dividend is hoisted from 0.89p to 1.54p gross out of earnings up from 1.43p to 4.27p. Turnover increased from £2.14m to £3.28m. The board can make no realistic forecast for the second half, but the maximum permissible will be paid.

At the start of the year the directors noted that most customers were destocking and pruning their budgets, and that if the fall-off in demand continued for long the group would be hard-pressed to keep profits at the 1974 level.

Terms for Gen Inv-City & Gracechurch

Terms of the merger, first made known last June, of General Investors & Trustees and City & Gracechurch Investment Trust, both members of the F & C Group of Investment Trusts, are made known.

These are based on the net asset values as at June 30 last and have been agreed as follows: for every 1,000 ordinary, 25p shares of CAG 350 ordinary 25p GIT shares and for every 1,000 convertible ordinary of CAG 413 ordinary GIT shares.

The new ordinary shares of GIT will rank pari passu with the existing ordinary of GIT except for the two interim dividends of GIT payable for the year to January 31 next. Conditions of the merger include the granting of any necessary Inland Revenue and Exchange Control consents.

Hanson sells its stake in Gable (US) for £4m

Hanson Trust has sold its 24 per cent stake in Gable Industries, the United States quoted building materials group, for $8m (about £4m) or $15 a share. The effective cost to Hanson back in November, 1973, was $7.12 a share but since then devaluation has played its part. The purchaser of the stake is Flintkote, a building materials group quoted on the New York Stock Exchange, which is also buying the 20.4 per cent interest held by Mr and Mrs Joseph Sylvestri at the same price a share.

Mr Gordon White, the chief executive of Hanson's overseas interests, says that the transactions have been strongly recommended by the Gable management who see an advantage in the consolidation of the two shareholdings in the hands of a group like Flintkote and the Hanson board saw no reason to stand in the way.

Drop in demand jolts Brit Alum

The forecast reduction in aluminium proving to be much more severe than expected, the effect on British Aluminium's profits of an unprecedented sharp drop in volume has been made worse by the continuing pressure on profit margins (BA is a subsidiary of Tube Investments).

On turnover for the half to June 30 steady at £57.6m against £57m, pre-tax earnings tumbled from £3.79m to £697,000. The "net" fell from £1.6m to £406,000, while the interim payment is a same again 1p. In the half just past, world usage of primary aluminium has been less than two thirds of that in the same period. Only in the reduction plants has BA been able to maintain a high level of operations.

Same payout by Crouch

Crouch Group, Surrey-based estate developers and building contractors, had a poor year to March 31 along with most contemporaries. Taxable profits were 15 per cent off, but although earnings fell 2p a share the board is holding the total dividend. The pretax profit fell from £486,000 to £412,000, with turnover 11 per cent lower at £7.1m. Exceptional items took £110,000 (against £468,000).

Fresh gains at Gelfer

For the fifth year in a row pre-tax profits of A. & J. Gelfer, which makes ties, hats, etc, have reached a record—this time £605,000, against £519,000, on turnover up from £2.55m to £2.77m for the year to March 31. Earnings a share reached 5.79p (5.08p), and the dividend is raised from 3.63p to 3.93p.

Reverse to Ferro Metal

Taxable profits of Ferro Metal & Chemical, an international merchanting group which is 76 per cent owned by Greg-Gary Inc of the US, have been halved to £167,000. Yet turnover for the half year March 31 rose from £5.6m to £8.6m. The interim is held at 1.5p net—a rise from 2.23p to 2.26p gross. Earnings a share were cut to 3.84p, against 9p.

Overseas

Amsterdam [illegible] interim climb[illegible]

Showing an incre[illegible] profits in the first half [illegible] Amsterdam-Rotterdam [illegible] reports net earnings [illegible] 54.1m to 63.1m florins [illegible] £11.3m). The bank's [illegible] margin is expected to [illegible] marked recovery in the [illegible] six months in spite of [illegible] rate cut, the A-R board [illegible] —Reuter.

Brinco tumbl[illegible]

Net [illegible] extraordinary items for [illegible] months to June 30 tum[illegible] $52,000 compared with [illegible] for the same [illegible] This [illegible] tion continues to refl[illegible] change in its operations [illegible] ing the sale of its hold[illegible] Churchill Falls (Labra[illegible] June, 1974. As a result [illegible] 1975 exploration prog[illegible] concentrated mainly in [illegible] and autumn, it is expect[illegible] net earnings will decrea[illegible] the rest of this year.

S AFRICAN MARINE
Profit after tax R20m [illegible] for year, against R16m. D[illegible] 19c (16c). Company propos[illegible] issue at one-for-20.

ATLAS-COPCO
First-half pre-tax profit [illegible] per cent to 205m kronor [illegible] up 19 per cent to 1,614m [illegible] against 1,352m.

INT HARVESTER
International Harvester [illegible] Corporation of Canada is f[illegible] a $(Can)20m loan on the [illegible] national market.

DREAMLAND ELECTRICAL
Trading loss for half-year to June 30 of £1,300 (compared with pre-tax profit of £103,700), after charging non-recurring items of £66,000 (nil). Board considers year's profit will be "satisfactory". Interim payment raised from 0.97p gross to 1.07p gross.

BOC-L'AIR LIQUIDE
Singapore Oxygen, a subsidiary of BOC International, is to merge with Far East Oxygen (Singapore), part of L'Air Liquide group. The new company will be called Singapore Oxygen Air Liquide and will be equally owned.

BELL CANADA
Bell Canada's consolidated earnings per common share for the three months to June 30 were $1.50 ($1.54). Second-quarter net profit was $63.4m ($61.2m) and turnover $761m ($664m).

W. & E. TURNER
Sales for half-year, £3.24m (£2.38m). Pre-tax profit, £131,000 (£40,000). Dividend lifted from 0.59p to 0.8p gross.

TENNANT BASSETT SMITH
Tennant Trading Ltd—metal-dealing subsidiary of Consolidated Gold Fields, has agreed to acquire the whole of Bassett Smith & Co Ltd. Bassett trades in and processes non-ferrous metals.—Reuter.

RADLEY FASHIONS
Final 2.51p, making 6.07p (5.78p). Pre-tax profit £244,000 (£205,000) on turnover of £4.36m (£3.23m).

EVERED
Now that talks with Chas Clifford are off, agreement to sell Evered's industrial products division to Francis Industries has also been terminated. More will be revealed with interim statement.

ATLANTIC INTERNATION[illegible]
Profits of Atlantic Interna[illegible] Bank fell last year from £[illegible] to £229,000. The bank has [illegible] a £200,000 contingency reser[illegible] of retained profits, mainly b[illegible] of two loans, representing [illegible] than 5 per cent of the por[illegible] to real estate investment [illegible]

NEW COURT NATURAL RESOURCES
Pre-tax profit for year to M[illegible] 31 £1.41m (£684,000 from M[illegible] 1973 to March 31, 1974). [illegible] dend 1.9p.

LONDON AND MIDLAND INDUSTRIALS
Chairman told annual me[illegible] that the group had made a [illegible] start to the current year.

SA IRON & STEEL
Corp plans to float a $25m, [illegible] year Eurobond bearing a 10 [illegible] cent coupon. Probable pri[illegible] below par.

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of 80 per cent in export as the main factor be- increase in first half r Allied Insulators from to £434,000, reports the Progress in home sales marked, and the net overall turnover of as 30.6 per cent up on

nterim dividend is up 1p to 0.67p a share. The "reasonable optimis- bout the immediate but says that while the orders executed is satis- current demand is In the annual report, chairman, Mr A. Lloyd, d confidence that would be maintained t year's 70 per cent leap 000 pre-tax.

remuneration to em- the major group cost e at least 25 per cent year end. Before dis- the £95,000 payment purchase of Mason & group borrowings had eded £1,250,000 says the statement. In March, rd increased borrowing to a maximum of

already owned by Ferguson.

Ferguson owned 4.28m ordinary representing 68.5 per cent of the issued capital before the offer period but has neither acquired nor agreed to acquire any further ordinary during the currency of the offer. It now owns about 93.37 per cent of the equity.

Edinburgh and Dundee fears

In making known the results of Edinburgh & Dundee Investment for the first half to July 31 the board warned that present indications are that earnings a share for the full year will be less than last year's 3.13p but will exceed the dividend of 2.7p net paid last year. In the period franked revenue declined from £754,000 to £702,000 while unfranked revenue at £692,000 showed a decline of 26 per cent from £938,000. Management expenses are not greatly changed but interest is down sharply from £387,000 to £130,000 leaving pre-tax revenue at £1.2m against £1.24m. The net asset value per ordinary share worked out to 133p compared with 100p. The interim dividend is being raised from 1.62p to 1.72p.

Unit Trust sales at year's low

By Our Financial Staff

Unit trust sales in July reached a new monthly low for the year at £24.6m, compared with £18.2m for the same period in 1974, according to figures released by the Association of Unit Trust Managers yesterday.

Repurchases were £1m higher at £12m, above the £11m average for the first seven months of the year. But net new investment at £12.6m was again the lowest for the year.

ASSOC SPRAYERS

No interim dividend, against 1.64p gross. Turnover for six months to February 28, £2.56m (£2.6m). Loss is £16,000 (profit £74,000).

BEAR BRAND

Again no dividend. Turnover for 1974, £1.82m (£1.58m). Loss is £101,500 (£102,000).

ENGLISH & SCOTS INVESTORS

Net revenue up from £210,000 to £246,000 for six months to July 31; earnings a share, 2.7p (2.31p). Dividend 1.54p gross (1.49p).

DENBYWARE QUARTER

Results for first three months ahead of same period. Company in strong position to face future, and steady investment in capital equipment now paying off.

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Steel doubles

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Investment Trust year to March 31 re- e-tax profits of £426,000, £106,000 for the first six thus more than fulfil- interim forecast of a econd half. Net profit 2,000, against £653,000. charge is low and is t of the relatively large of franked investment received.

final dividend is making a total of This is equivalent to 2.2739p (2.067175p) covered 1.3 times by

son wins t-Scriven

rial & Commercial Fin- Corporation announces recommended offer on of Ferguson Industrial to acquire the whole ht Scriven has been ac- y shareholders holding ordinary, representing r cent of the shares not

Issues & Loans

Big Eurocredit operations for Brazilians

With three major Eurocredits for Brazilian borrowers either completed or almost completed, the president of the Banco do Brazil said in London yesterday that Brazilian public sector borrowers would probably raise a further $300m-$400m in medium-term loans this year.

Senor Angelo Calmon de Sa was speaking at the signing of a five-year, $150m, syndicated loan for financing part of the Brazilian railway development programme. The loan, to which Banco do Brazil is lead bank, carries a spread over interbank rate of 1¼ per cent.

A second loan is due to be signed today. It is $120m for Banco do Desenvolvimento and is being provided by a syndicate of banks led by Chase Manhattan Ltd. A third borrowing has been completed for Centrais Electricas de Minas Gerais. It is $45m, also for five years, and has been provided by a 21-bank syndicate led by Bank of America.

MITSUI O.S.K. TO RAISE $25m

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd proposes to raise $25m through an offering of five-year bonds guaranteed by Sumitomo Bank. Coupon and price are to be fixed by Aug 28. Most of the issue is to be taken up by a group of Middle East concerns. Lead managers are Kuwait Foreign Trading Co. and Nomura Europe. Orion Bank is among co-managers.

Lee Cooper is on way back to higher dividends

A repetition of the Lee Cooper casual wear group's large losses by its United Kingdom company last year is unlikely, Mr H. C. Cooper, chairman, writes in what will be his last annual review. Although losses for the first six months' trading will be "substantial", an improvement is expected during the second half, when it is hoped dividends will be "fully restored and more consistent with actual profits". Turnover for the next year again promises a worthwhile increase.

Mr Cooper plans to retire as full-time chairman in the not-too-distant future after nearly 40 years' service with the company. The board intends to appoint M Pierre Pouillot as chairman. As a first step, Mr Cooper has resigned as managing-director and M Pouillot has been appointed deputy-chairman and managing director.

Stock markets

Share prices lose off the bottom

Ahead of the Prime Minister's broadcast, equities had a quiet session on the London stock market yesterday, though by the close most prices were off the bottom after initial slackness.

End-of-account profit-taking and the overnight decline on Wall Street—caused by inflation and interest rates—had, additionally, served to depress prices at the start, but about lunch time most dealers lost interest.

By noon, the *FT* Index had fallen 4.4 to its low point of the day of 298.6. After that there was a marginal improvement and, by the close, the decline had been cut to 2.3 for a final figure of 300.7. Over the account so far, there has been an improvement of almost 22 points.

Like equities, Government stocks ended off the bottom though falls still ranged from one-eighth to a quarter.

For once a result, coupled with a forecast, brought one of the features of the day with an interim from Tube Investments moving the shares up 16p to 232p. Elsewhere on the pitch Hawker Siddeley ended unchanged at 260p, while GKN managed a 4p gain to 209p. In both cases the price followed the early market trend, but firmed late in the session with the Tube result.

Hunting Gibson is proving to be a bright spot in an otherwise dull shipping sector. The firmness dates from the sale of an unwanted order for two lumber carriers to a West German shipowner at no cost to the company. The shares closed 7p better to 157p.

Among other leading industrials, Glaxo 337p and British American Tobacco 268p fell 6p and 7p respectively, while Unilever, after several days as a firm spot, lost 4p to 362p and Courtaulds 3p to 116p. Beecham was 2p off at 278p.

As expected, there were better profits from Dixons Photographic, which served to offset the effect of a £770,000 rights issue and left both the ordinary and "A" shares a penny firmer at 36p. This compares with the rights price of 27p. The new shares of British Leyland failed to keep up the progress of recent days, which has seen them gain 13p since the end of last week. They closed unchanged at 53p.

On the bid front, surprise terms from Central Manufacturing for LCP Holdings clipped 10p, to 54p, from the former's shares but left LCP 4p better at 50p. News that there will be no Monopolies' investigation into Sketchley's bid for Quality Cleaners left Sketchley half a point firmer at 61p.

In stores, prices generally were easier though Woolworth's interim profits were up to best expectations and the shares were a penny firmer to 47p. Boots Home Stores lost 5p to 29p, House of Fraser 2p to 70p and at 98p Marks & Spencer were a penny off.

Other pitch with a weaker tone was insurances but here Royals still helped by results. Elsewhere on an overnight 274p. Bats were also down with Barclays losing 3p to 250p and Lilys 6p to 192p.

In electricals, GEC eased 2p to 88p and both the ordinary and "A" of Thorn shed the same amount to 160p. A trading loss from Dreamland Electrical cost 2p to 43p. The best performer in buildings was Associated Portland Cement, at 146p better by 5p, but SGB 84p and Tyler Woodrow 242p were both unchanged. Lower profits from the Crouch housebuilding group took a penny to 26p.

Isolated features had Raybeck firm at 42p on speculative buying. J. Coral down another 2p to 67p on the "irregularities" reported this week, and Reed, though unchanged at 208p, subject to some small selling. Furness Withy lost 8p to 212p.

On the oil pitch, a lack of firing interest and Wall Street influences left BP 12p off to 358p and Shell 6p easier, at 358p, but a strong interim profit and forecast from Anglo-Suladorian added 1p to 31p. Helped by the higher metal price, golds scored gains of up to 50p, while in diamonds, De Beers, still reflecting an interim profit upturn added another 5p to 303p.

Results had A. J. Gelfer up to 28p on figures, Tom Mart Metals off 1p to 42p, Allied Plant unchanged at 20½p and Lee also unchanged, at 49p. Albert Stockfis were in retreat.

In after-hours dealing, inter-office trading stayed at a very low level. But leading shares were often able to recover a little more ground with encouragement from the Tube Investments result. Oils stayed depressed under Wall Street influence, while De Beers gained a little more ground.

Gilts were dull. Prices slipped back in the morning in all sections. Selling was not heavy, but the market was thin and the downward movement overdone. Most stocks eventually showed only small falls on the day.

Low-coupon stocks were again the most traded in "shorts", but encountered profit-taking which caused falls of ¼ point in some cases. The high-coupon stocks, after also being ¼ point off at one stage, were eventually only ¼ or 1/16 point down.

An indication of the slack trading in equities came yesterday when F. J. Wallis, the Essex-based supermarket trader, disclosed a substantial increase in first-half profit. Not only was the share price unchanged, but hardly a share changed hands.

"Longs" had been ¼ point off at their worst level, but losses were trimmed to ¼ point. Equity turnover on August 19 was £40.52m (10,731 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Kulim, BP, Shell, Howard Machinery new, British American Tobacco, Beecham, Midland Bank, Marks & Spencer, RTZ, Reed International, Grand Metropolitan, General Electric, Central Manufacturing, Pisons, Courtaulds and Barclays Bank.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)		Gross div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Allied Insulators (25p)	Int	0.44	0.4	6/10	—	1.1
Assoc Sprayers (10p)	Int	Nil	1.1	—	—	2.5*
J. Carroll (25p)	Fin	6.0	5.25‡	22/10	8.75	7.5‡
City & Gracechurch (25p)	Int	0.67	0.67	28/8	1.11	1.11
Richard Clay (25p)	Int	1.0	0.6	1/10	—	2.35
Cornell Dresses (5p)	Int	0.3	0.3	1/10	—	1.12
Crouch Group (25p)	Fin	1.6	1.64	9/10	2.44	2.51
Dixons Photo (10p)	Fin	0.59	0.53	10/10	0.96	0.9
Dreamland Electrical (10p)	Int	0.7	0.65	10/10	—	1.9
Edinburgh & Dundee (25p)	Int	1.12	1.12	6/10	—	2.7
T. Elliott (25p)		2.75	2.75	—	2.75	2.75
English & Scottish (25p)	Int	1.0	1.0	30/9	—	3.25
Ferro Metal & Chm (20p)	Int	1.5	1.5	—	—	3.68
A. & J. Gelfer (20p)	Fin	1.27	1.4	—	2.6	2.43
Gen Investors (25p)	Int	1.05	1.05	1/10	2.33‡	2.8
Tom Martin Metals (10p)	Int	0.76	0.69	15/10	—	2.11
Pye Hldgs (25p)	Int	1.23	1.23	3/1	—	3.67
Robert R. Stockfis (25p)	Int	2.0	1.5	3/10	—	5.84
Suter Elect		0.5	Nil	2/10	0.5	Nil
Tube Inv (£1)	Int	8.0	7.2	18/10	—	15.98
W. & E. Turner (10p)	Int	0.42	0.4	1/10	—	1.98
F. J. Wallis (10p)	Int	1.04	0.95	10/10	—	1.7
Wilson Bros (20p)		0.5	0.48	3/11	0.8	0.48
F. W. Woolworth (25p)	Int	1.23	1.23	11/10	—	3.95

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Forecast. c Cents. ‡ Adjusted for scrip & Preference including final of 1.30p on enlarged capital.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10¼ 1981	102	103
Alcoa 8¼ 1988	80	83
Ashland 8 1987	85½	86½
BICC 7¾ 1987	73	75
Bristol 8¼ 1979	91	93
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1981	80	83
Baltimore 7¾ 1987	80	81
Carrie 8 1987	84	86
Chevron 7 1980	86½	88
Conoco 7 1980	87	88½
Conoco 8¼ 1985	91½	94½
Cons Food 7¼ 1991	83½	85½
Coventry 8¼ 1981	88	90
Coventry 8¼ 1980	89	91
Curacao Trading 8¼ 1988	90	92
Curacao Trading 10¼ 1981	101½	102½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	91	92
Dana 8 1987	89	90
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	81½	83½
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	79½	80½
Dundee 10 1985	97½	97½
Exxon 8¼ 1980	87	91
Exxon Floating Rate 1982	99	99
First Chicago 7 1980	94½	95½
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	83	85
GATX 8¼ 1987	87	90
Guardian Royal 8 1987	73	77
Hammes 7¾ 1987	78	79
ICI 7¾ 1982	77	80
International Util 8¼ 1982	93	94
Lesl & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	71	74
Manchester 8¼ 1981	82	84
Mexico 8¼ 1981	80½	83
Michelin 11¼ 1988	98½	99½
Mitsubishi 9 1989	92	95
Motorola 8 1987	84	88
Nat & Grindlays 7¼ 1987	75½	78½
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	80	83

	Bid	Offer
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	100½	103½
NR Rockwell 8¼ 1987	80	81
Occidental 7¾ 1983	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	89	90
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	100½	101½
Pennwalt 8 1987	90	91
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	83	85
Scanroff 7¾ 1988	81½	83½
Scanraff 8¼ 1988	84	87
Shell 7¾ 1987	92½	93½
Singer 11 1977	101½	102½
Standard Oil 10¼ 1981	103½	105½
Stone & Webster 8 1987	67	71
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8¼ 1980	100½	101½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1982	98½	99½
Standard Oil 8¼ 1988	99	100
Sybron 8 1987	89	90
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	85	87
Texaco 7¾ 1987	83	85
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	91½	92½
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	84½	85
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	91½	92½
Venezuela 8¼ 1987	88½	90½
Volvo 8 1987	86	87
Wm Glynn 8¼ 1987	81	84
DM BONDS		
APBL (DM) 10 1981	104½	105½
Charter (DM) 8¼ 1988	78½	79½
Courtaulds (DM) 8¼ 1984	84	86
Denmark (DM) 9¼ 1981	100½	101½
Fiat (DM) 7 1978	72	73
Goodyear (DM) 8¼ 1982	87½	88½
KLM (DM) 8 1981	92½	93½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¼ 1981	104	105
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	91½	92½
New Zealand (DM) 9¼ 1982	103½	104½
Saudafrica (DM) 8¼		

	Bid	Offer
1970/88	92	93
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1985	90½	91½
$ CONVERTIBLES	Bid	Offer
AMF 5 1987	60	64
American Express 4¼ 1987	81	83
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	82	84
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1991	101	103
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1993	89	91
Borden 5 1992	85	87
Borden 4½ 1991	67	69
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987	73	75
Carnation 4 1987	81	83
Chevron 4 1992	67	69
Cummins 4½ 1986	80	82
Dart 4¾ 1987	81	83
Eastman Kodak 4½ 1988	110	112
Economic Labs 4½ 1987	75	77
Eaton 5 1988	72	74
Ford 5 1988	72	74
Ford A 4 1986	84	86
Gillette 4½ 1987	71	73
Gould 5 1987	78	79
General Electric 4½ 1987	80	81
Halliburton 4½ 1987	122	124
Harris 4 1987	65	67
Honeywell 4 1986	73	75
ITT 4½ 1987	67	69
J. Ray McDermott 4½ 1987	133	135
J. P. Morgan 4½ 1987	103	104
J. C. Penney 4½ 1987	73	75
Replicon 5½ 1988	88	90
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	87	89
Rank Org 4½ 1993	40	42
Revlon 4½ 1987	63	64
Reyno Rand 4½ 1988	88	90
Squibb 4½ 1987	77	79
Texaco 4½ 1988	73	75
Union Carbide 4½ 1982	107	109
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	87	89
Xerox Corp 5 1988	71	73

DM equals Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Business appointments

Two SKF men on Sheffield Twist board

After the acquisition by SKF of Sweden of Sheffield Twist Drill, Mr John Dickinson and Mr Bengt Kihlberg have joined the board of Sheffield Twist Drill. Mr Dickinson has also been appointed deputy chairman. He is managing director of SKF (UK) and Mr Kihlberg is deputy managing director of SKF.

Mr D. M. Calverley has been named managing director of New Ideal Homes. He retains his position as financial director of Ideal Building Corporation, the housing division of the Trafalgar House Group.

Mr W. C. G. Cartwright becomes managing director of Braid Group in succession to the late Mr W. A. Gregson, who was chairman and managing director.

Mr Richard Clark has joined Scandinavian Bank as a manager in its international loans team.

Mr J. R. Kaye, has been named secretary of Arbuthnot Latham Holdings in succession to Mr D. V. A. Craddock, who remains a director.

Mr D. S. Brown has joined the board of Sir Howard Grubb Parsons & Co (a member of the Reyrolle Parsons Group) as technical director.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Burmah 15¾, 1984 (£100)	£100½
Do 14¾ 1984-85 (£100)	£100½
Bristol Wtr 9¾ Rd Pf (£1)	£9½
Cambridge Wtr 9¾ Rd Pf (£1)	£9½
Derby 15¾ 1982 (£100)	£100½
E. Surrey Wtr 9¾ Rd Pf (£1)	£9½
Estates Hse Int 3¾ Pref	35½
Land Sec 9¾ Cnv (£100)	£1[illegible]
Lon reserv (Walter) 3¾ Pref (£5)	30
Mitchell Cotts 7¾ Cnv (£100)	£101½
Newcastle Wtr 9¾ Rd Pf (£1)	19½
Prop Hldg and Inv 9¾ Cnv (£100)	95½
Sunderland Wtr 9¾ Rd Pf (£1)	19½
Whitbread 12¾ Cnv	£99½

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renunc	
Br Lowndes (£12.25)	Oct 2	32p prem
BTR Ltd (50p)	Oct 22	23p prem-1p
Bru Car Austin (£1)	—	16 prem
Charles (50p)	Oct 3	12 prem-2
Clayton Dewandre (25p)	Sept 29	18 prem-1
Crellon (25p)	Sept 26	4 prem
Crossby Bldg (£1)	Sept 29	1 prem
Ben and Sharp (25p)	Oct 3	3½ prem
Newgrand Estates (25p)	—	2 prem
Royal Worcester (£1)	Sept 29	14 prem
Scot and Newcastle (25p)	Sept 25	7½ prem-1½

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. ‡ Issued by tender. ¶ Nil paid. a 50p paid. b £9 paid. c 15p paid. d 25p paid. e 30p paid. f 35p paid. g 40p paid. h 45p paid. j 60p paid.

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges yesterday were more active than on Tuesday. There was also a change in pattern, with the dollar and the pound being the most favoured currencies.

Dollars were in demand in the morning and hardened against the Continental currencies. But the pound was also firm, opening at $2.1210 above its overnight level and staying close to this rate for most of the day. It closed here, to show a rise of 32 points on the day.

The "effective depreciation" rate narrowed by 0.2 per cent to 27.5 per cent.

Gold closed at $162½, up $1¼ on the day.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) August 20	Market rates (close) August 21
New York	$2.1175-1220	$2.1208-1215
Montreal	$2.1073-2100	$2.1085-2095
Amsterdam	5.35-36fl	5.37½-38½fl
Brussels	80.75-81.10f	80.95-81.05f
Copenhagen	12.35-38k	12.37½-38½k
Frankfurt	3.48-49dm	3.43½-44½m
Lisbon	55.50-56.20e	55.50-56.10e
Madrid	123.00-50p	123.35-55p
Milan	1410-14lr	1412-14lr
Oslo	11.51-54k	11.53-54k
Paris	9.19-22f	9.21½-23½f
Stockholm	9.07-12k	9.10½-11½k
Tokyo	627-30y	631-33y
Vienna	30.00-30sch	30.25-35 sch
Zurich	3.44-46f	3.44½-47½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 31, 1971 down a 0.2 to 27.5 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	[illegible] prem	1.85-1.55c prem
Montreal	45-30c prem	1.25-1.15c prem
Amsterdam	2½-2c prem	10½-9½c prem
Brussels	40-30c prem	85-65c prem
Copenhagen	5.5ore prem	14½-11½ore prem
Frankfurt	4.0pf prem	14½-9½pf prem
Lisbon	40c prem-par	90c prem-par
Milan	20-11lr dis	30-11½lr dis
Oslo	5.5ore prem	11½-9½ore prem
Paris	3.1c prem	8.4c prem
Stockholm	2½-3ore prem	8½-9½ore prem
Vienna	10-par prem	25-20gro prem
Zurich	3.0c prem	12½-11½c prem

Canadian dollar rate against US dollar, 30 3/64-pd.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¾-6, seven days 6¾-7, one month, 7¼-6¾, three months, 6¾-7¼, six months, 7¼-6¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $162.75 per ounce; pm, $162.75.

Krugerrand (per coin) $170½-171½ (£106-¼) (domestic, $167-169 (£105-¼)) (international).

Sovereigns: (old) $88½-89½ (£55½-56), (new) $[illegible] (£[illegible]).

Discount market

Although the discount houses apparently faced a "moderate"-to-"large" shortage of credit yesterday, they still managed to rule off their books at the end of the day without assistance from the Bank of England.

They encountered reasonable "calling" at the outset, but took money fairly consistently throughout the day at rates narrowly around the 9½ per cent mark. Final balances were picked up in the range of 9 to 9½ per cent.

A continued flow of Savings 3 per cent, 1965-75, redemption money was one factor in favour of the market.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¾ (Last changed 28.7.75)

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10¾

Discount Mkt Loans%

Overnight: Open 9¾ Close 5

Week Fixed: 9¾-9¾

Treasury Bills (Buy)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅛	2 months	10⅛
3 months	10⅛	3 months	10⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Buy) - Trades (Buy)

2 months	10⅛-10⅛	3 months	11
3 months	10⅛-10⅛	4 months	11⅛
4 months	10⅛-10⅛	6 months	11½
6 months	10⅛-10⅛		

Bank of Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10½	7 months	11½-11
2 months	11-10½	8 months	11½-11
3 months	11-10½	9 months	11½-11
4 months	11-10½	10 months	11½-11
5 months	11-10½	11 months	11½-11
6 months	11-10½	12 months	11½-11½

Secondary Mkt. ECD Bonds

1 month	10½-10¼	6 months	11-10¾
3 months	10⅝-10⅜	12 months	11⅛-11⅛

Local Authority Mortgages

2 days	9½	3 months	10½
7 days	9¾	6 months	10¾
1 month	10⅛	1 year	11⅛

Interbank Market

Overnight: Open 10-9½ Close 7

1 week	9¾-9⅝	6 months	11-10⅞
1 month	10⅛-10⅛	9 months	11⅛-11⅛
3 months	10⅝-10½	12 months	11⅛-11⅛

First Class Finance Houses Mkt. Rates

3 months	11	6 months	11⅛

Finance House Base Rate 10%

Eurosyndicat

The Eurosyndicat index of European share prices was put provisionally at 138.61 on August 19 against 140.05 a week earlier.

CIKO HOLDINGS

Turnover for half year to June 30 was £1.16m (£967,000) but loss ran up from £55,000 to £114,000.

'OOD & SONS (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

Interim Statement (unaudited)

	Half year ended 30th June 1975 £	1974 £	Increase	Year ended 31st December 1974 £
GROUP SALES	1,468,000	1,034,000	42%	2,329,578
GROUP OPERATING PROFIT	242,000	167,000	45%	313,474
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	163,000	106,000	54%	265,529
GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	78,000	51,000		74,232

The results are in line with the forecast at the annual meeting in May, and having regard also to a very healthy order book your Directors are confident that the figures for the whole of 1975 will show increased progress over 1974.

H. Francis Wood, Chairman

INTERIM STATEMENT

WOOLWORTH

Interim Report

Six months ended 31st July, 1975

Excellent figures and comments from the unaudited statement of profit of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended 31st July, 1975, with comparative figures for the previous financial year.

12 months ended 31st January 1975 £000's		6 months ended 31st July 1974 £000's	31st July 1975 £000's	% Increase
461,697	Turnover (excluding value added tax)	196,193	254,662	29.8
33,421	Trading Profit	11,916	13,134	10.2
30,649	Profit before taxation	10,436	11,697	12.1

Sales and profits at this stage are in line with budgets. The present economic situation, however, makes it advisable to take a relatively cautious view of the outcome for the remainder of the year.

An interim dividend of 1.225p (1974—1.225p) per ordinary stock unit will be paid on 10th October, 1975 to stockholders on the register on 5th September, 1975, the cost of which is £4,631,000.

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Woolworth House, 242/246, Marylebone Road, London NW1 6JL

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 002336 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE (Chancery Division) Companies Court
In the matter of BAO CATERING COMPANY Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act 1948
NOTICE is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above named company by the High Court of Justice was on the 19th day of July 1975 presented to the said Court by PETROLIMS Limited whose registered office is situated at 72 Wigmore Street, London W.1. Creditor And that the said petition is directed to be heard before the court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice Strand, London WC2A 2LL on the 8th day of October 1975 and any Creditor or contributory of the said company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
BENJAMIN & BENJAMIN 57 Portman Square London W1H 0NH Solicitors for the Petitioner
NOTE—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said petition must serve on or send by post to the above named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or if a firm the name and address of the firm and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their solicitor (if any) and must be served or if posted must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 3rd day of October 1975.

No. 002718 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of FLENPLUGS Limited
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above mentioned Company was on the 13th day of August 1975 presented to the Court by Edward Arthur Cumpsty of 17 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AG and that the said Petition is directed to be heard on the 16th October 1975 before the Court sitting at Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL and any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of Hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any Creditor or Contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
WILSONS BAXIS WYNN of 11-12 Southcombe Street, West Kensington, London W14 0RA, Solicitors for the Petitioners.
NOTE—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named Notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm or his or their Solicitor (if any) and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th of October 1975.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PERIMERE Limited No. 002105 of 1975
Notice is hereby given that a FIRST AND FINAL DIVIDEND in ANTICIPATION is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 5th September, 1975, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FINAL MUSIC Limited No. 002264 of 1975
Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and Final dividend in CREDITORS is intended to be DECLARED in the above-named Company and that Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 5th September, 1975, after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE in BANKRUPTCY No. 1988 of 1975
In the MATTER of ROYDENCE CHARLES JOHN O'NEILL UNEMPLOYED, of no fixed address and lately residing at 72, Shurland Gardens, Peckham, London, S.E.15.
Under Receiving Order dated 30th July, 1975. First Meeting of Creditors 9th September, 1975, at 2.45 in the afternoon, at Room 310, Fourth Floor, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LY. Public Examination 14th January, 1976, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at Court 14 (Queen's Buildings), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.
JAMES TYE, Official Receiver.
N.B.—All debts due to be paid to me.

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In the MATTER of ROYDENCE CHARLES JOHN O'NEILL UNEMPLOYED, of no fixed address and lately residing at 72, Shurland Gardens, Peckham, London, S.E.15.
Under Receiving Order dated 30th July, 1975. First Meeting of Creditors 9th September, 1975, at 2.45 in the afternoon, at Room 310, Fourth Floor, Thomas More Building, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LY. Public Examination 14th January, 1976, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at Court 14 (Queen's Buildings), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.
JAMES TYE, Official Receiver.
N.B.—All debts due to be paid to me.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of HARDIE (B.S.C. CONSULTANTS) Limited. Nature of Business: Management consultants and advisors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 28th July 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS.
CREDITORS 4th September 1975, at Room 520 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.
N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of BILL PICKLEY Limited. Nature of Business: Houses Contractors.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 23rd June 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS.
CREDITORS 4th September 1975, at Room 236 Templar House 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of SEAN LAIDE Limited. Nature of Business: Carpenters & Joiners.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 21st July, 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS.
CREDITORS 4th September, 1975, at Room 236, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP, at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.
L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GILLERS Limited Nature of Business: Property Investment.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 14th July, 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 4th September, 1975, at Room 236, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London WC1V 6NP

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

Copper prices at new highs for the year

COPPER prices went ahead yesterday to new highs for the year in the possibility that Zambia might declare *force majeure* on some shipments as a result of the closure of the Benguela railway line through Angola.

Cash wire bars advanced by £6.75 to £622 and three months went £7.50 ahead to £644.75. But other base metals did not follow suit and prices remained steady.

COPPER.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £621.50-23.50 a metric ton; three months, £644.50-45.00. Sales, 2,775 tons. Cash cathodes, £607-609; three months, £629-31. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £621.50-22.00; three months, £645.50-45.00. Settlement, £622. Sales, 7,375 tons. Cash cathodes, £607.50-08.50; three months, £629-30. Settlement, £608.50. Sales, 250 tons.

SILVER firmed between 4.25p and 4.50p from flying levels in fairly active trading.—Rudlin market fixing (cents).—Spot, 228.25p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 484.9); three months, 235.15p (495.3c); six months, 242.90p (507.1c); one-year, 254.20p (530.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 251.5-51.5p; three months, 238.0-38.5p; seven months, 248.5-49.5p. Sales, 68 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 229.7-30.0p; three months, 236.3-36.5p; seven months, 246-47p. Settlement, 230p. Sales, 31 lots.

TIN closed with both contracts showing losses in moderate two-way activity.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,185-88 a metric ton; three months, £3,241-45. Sales, 140 tons. High grade, cash, £3,185-88; three months, £3,241-45. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,186-88; three months, £3,244-46. Settlement, £3,188. Sales, 410 tons. High grade, cash, £3,186-88; three months, £3,244-46. Settlement, £3,188. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $41,000 a picul.

LEAD was quiet and steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £189.50-50 a metric ton; three months, £197.50-98.00. Sales, 575 tons. Morning.—Cash, £188.25-88.50; three months, £197.75-50. Settlement, £188.50. Sales, 6,525 tons (mainly carriers).

ZINC was steady and featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash, £358-58.50 a metric ton; three months, £370.75-71.25. Sales, 400 tons. Morning.—Cash, £358-58.50; three months, £369-70. Settlement, £358.50. Sales, 2,400 tons (mainly carriers). Producers' price, £390 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM gained 40p to £81 ($171.50).

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Aug-Sept, £195 per long ton; "D" grade, Aug-Sept, £188. Calcutta was quiet.—Indian, Aug-Oct, Rs439 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Oilseed, Aug-Oct, Rs415.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 160.0-168.0p per kilo; Dec, 164.0-70.0; March, 172.0-76.0; May, 176.0-78.0; July, 177.5-82.0; Oct, 186.0-89.0; Dec, 190.0-95.0; March, 191.5-97.5. Sales: 11 lots.

RUBBER closed steadier.—Sept, 36.00-37.00p per kilo; Oct, 36.60-37.10p; Oct-Dec, 37.00-37.10p; Jan-March, 38.30-38.35p; April-June, 39.35-39.40p; July-Sept, 40.30-40.45p; Oct-Dec, 41.30-41.40p; Jan-March, 41.90-42.00p; April-June, 42.20-42.60p. Sales: 115 lots at 15 tonnes each, including one option.

RUBBER PHYSICALS closed about steady in moderate activity.—Spot: 35.00-37.00p per kilo. Cifs: Sept, 33.00-32.25p; Oct, 33.40-35.00p.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 28.0-32.0p per lb; English hindquarters heavy, 37.0-38.0p; Eire hindquarters, 36.0-39.0p; Eire forequarters, 19.0-20.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 36.0-40.0p; English fats, 32.0p; Scotch bobbies, 6.0-9.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 58.0-62.0p.

LAMB: English small, 28.0-32.0p; English medium, 27.0-30.0p; English heavy, 26.0-28.0p; Scotch medium, 27.0-30.0p; Scotch heavy, 26.0-29.0p; Scotch hill, 26.0-30.0p; Scotch hill, 22.0p.

Imported frozen: NZ D's, 29.0-29.3p; NZ 2's, 28.0-28.5p; NZ 3's, 26.0-27.0p; NZ YL's, 26.5-27.0p.

EWES: 9.0-11.0p.

PORK: English, under 100 lb, 26.0-32.0p; 100-120 lb, 26.0-31.0p; 120-160 lb, 25.0-26.5p; 160-180 lb, 24.5-25.0p.

*Special quotations.—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Robusta terminal traded comparatively steadily during afternoon dealings with local selling and profit-taking meeting some speculative buying interest. At the close, prices were £7 to £2.5 higher on balance in sales of 860 lots.

Arabicas closed 10 points higher to 25 lower in sales of 54 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—Sept, £780.0-82.0 per metric ton; Nov, £781.0-85.0; Jan, £791.5-92.0; March, £793.5-94.0; May, £795.0-800.0; July, £799.0-800.0; Sept, £805.0-01.0. Sales, 860 lots, including 10 options.

ARABICAS.—Aug, 207.00-7.40 per 50 kilos; Oct, 92.75-93.00; Dec, 94.80-95.10; Feb, 89.00-89.20; April, 85.75-86.25; June, 86.50-87.25; Aug, 87.00-90.00. Sales, 54 lots.

COCOA futures declined further in the afternoon allied to unease here in New York. The final tone was easy. Prices closed £28 lower (September) to £13 per tonne lower on balance.

Sept, £600.0-4.0 per metric ton; Dec, £595.0-0.0; March, £591.0-1.5; May, £592.0-8.0; July, £592.0-5.5; Sept, £590.0-4.0; Dec, £590.0-85.0. ICO prices, daily average, 55.03c. 15-day average, 55.04c. 22-day, 55.44c. US cents per lb.

SUGAR prices advanced during the day but in the afternoon eased back to finish £7 to £10 up on balance. The London daily prices were £225 for raws and £223 for whites for Oct, £220.00-21.00 for Jan, Dec, £216.00-17.00; March, £213.50-14.50; May, £209.50-10.00; Aug, £205.00-07.00; Oct, £203.00-05.00; Dec, £200.00-03.00. Sales: 5,848 lots. ISA prices: 19.810; 15-day average, 19.[illegible]

SOYABEAN MEAL was quiet; steady. Aug, £89.00-95.00 per metric ton; Oct, £92.30-92.70; Dec, £93.40-93.50; Feb, £95.50-96.00; April, £96.10-96.50; June, £97.30-98.40; Aug, £98.00-99.00. Sales: 67 lots.

GRAIN.—The Baltic: Interest in imported grains remain subdued yesterday with prices generally showing small irregular movements.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring number two 14 per cent: Nov, £101.40; Dec, £101.80 direct shipment Tilbury, E.E.C. feed Aug, £65; Sept, £63.50 east coast.

MAIZE.—Number 3 yellow American-French Aug, £69.25; Sept, £69.85; Oct £69.50; Nov, £70 east coast.

BARLEY.—E.E.C. feed Aug, £62.50; Sept, £62.75 east coast, all a long ton, CIF United Kingdom unless stated.

MARK LANE.—Domestic grains delivered to miller underpriced yesterday in sympathy with weaker trend in Chicago. Milling wheat met a limited offtake in Liverpool at £68.50 per long ton for Sept delivery. Moderate activity in denaturable quality wheat included Oct-Dec, in Liverpool at £66.50 and Nov-Dec in Avonmouth at £66.75 and £66. Meanwhile, feed barley changed hands at £62 for Sept. delivery in the Midlands and at £66.50 for Oct-Dec, in Liverpool. The following are average millers quotations in sterling per long ton for delivery London area: Wheat Hanborg, Sept, £65.75 to £66; Oct-Dec, £67 denaturable Sept, £62; Oct-Dec, £65.75 barley feed, unquoted.

London Grain Futures Market (GAFTA) E.E.C. feed. BARLEY was steady.—Sept, £62.90; Nov, £66.00; Jan, £66.75; March, £68.30; May, £69.55. WHEAT was steady.—Sept, £63.35; Nov, £65.90; Jan, £67.90; March £69.40; May, £70.80.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's intervention buying prices.—Feed milling WHEAT.—Hereford £59.60. Feed wheat.—Hertford £56.45. Feed BARLEY.—Hertford, £50.40; Borders (West), £51.35.

ABERFOYLE PLANTATIONS

Agreement entered into for disposal of Waterford property to Irish company for £250,000. On receipt of initial payment of £150,000, board to submit proposals for partial return of capital.

H. J. HEINZ

British subsidiary of American group reports pre-tax profit for year to April 26 of £13.1m (£11.9m), on sales £168.1m (£133.6m).

RELYON

Interim 1.85p (1.79p) for half year to June 29, 1975. Pre-tax profit £460,000 (£440,000) on sales of £3.57m (£2.74m).

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank ..	10%
C. Hoare & Co ..	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster ..	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's .	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6½%, up to £25,000, 7%, over £25,000, 7½%.

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1973-75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	36	—	3.0	8.3	4.0
126	90	Henry Sykes	121	—	4.9	4.1	8.1
61	26	Twinlock Ord	26	–1	0.9	3.6	6.4
65	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	63	—	12.0	19.0	—
56	48	Unilock Holdings	56	—	4.5	8.0	10.8

Chesterfield Properties

From the circulated statement of Mr. Harold H. Wingate (Chairman):

In spite of a reduction in profits brought about by the high interest rates which prevailed, the directors feel justified in recommending a final dividend of 2.18p per share, making the maximum permissible for the year.

Although property values as a whole have fallen your Company's portfolio of investments is likely to have stood up well in comparison with the market trend.

The relative strength of your Company in the U.K. is in the following facts; in relation to its U.K. assets (mainly first class office and shop properties) total borrowings are low; as its undeveloped sites form only a small part of its portfolio there is no adverse cash flow problem and it is therefore not under pressure to liquidate its assets to meet interest charges, but can follow a realistic programme of disposals; the major development in hand is already pre-let at satisfactory terms; and, finally, considerable rent reviews and reversions, are imminent.

Overseas, progress has continued to be made both as regards developments and letting. Long term finance for projects has been arranged satisfactorily.

Annual General Meeting: 20th August 1975.

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, 38 Curzon Street, London W1Y 8EY.

OIL AND ASSOCIATED INVESTMENT TRUST LTD.

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman Major A. S. W. Joseph, for the year ended 31 March, 1975.

- Gross Portfolio Income: up 7 per cent to £333,000
- Net Revenue: after tax up 22 per cent to £140,000
- Dividend: increased to 6.57 per cent (6.135 per cent).

Asset value at 30 June was 90p.

The Trust's holding in foreign equities rose to about 41 per cent of the portfolio value at 31 March, with UK equities equivalent to some 44 per cent.

The Burmah holding has been cut considerably, and dealings in the shares and options enabled the Trust to reduce the potential loss.

The Board is still of the opinion that a world-wide spread of Oil Shares, producing and exploration, is likely to prove as good a shield as any in these very difficult times.

INTERIM STATEMENT

Anglo-International Investment Trust Ltd.

Interim Statement

Revenue for Half-Year

Revenue after expenses but before tax for the six months ended 30th June, 1975 amounted to £127,397 against £128,014 for the same period of 1974 and taxation for the half year was £45,346 against £48,859.

Interim Dividend

An interim dividend of 0.7p cash will be paid on 30th September, 1975 to Dividend shareholders on the Register on 5th September (same as last year).

Asset Values

On 30th June, 1975 net assets were £4,193,000 equivalent to 134p per Asset Share (one year ago 88p), taking quoted investments at market value.

All figures are unaudited

Cocoa suply-demand seen in balance n 1979-80

World cocoa production is pected to climb to 1,790,000 tric tons in 1979-80, from 1,510,0 in 1974-75, and jump to 2,[illegible]000 tonnes in 1984-85, according the results of a major study the world cocoa economy by the International Cocoa Organizion.

The study also analyses demand prospects over the next dade, based on prices measured in ted States dollars as of January, 75.

This shows world consumption in 1979-80 estimated at 1,9[illegible]00 tonnes at a price of 30 ted States cents per lb, at 1,7[illegible]00 tonnes at a price of 50 cents and 1,675,000 tonnes at a price of 70 cents.

For 1984-85, world consumption is estimated at 2,170,000 tonn at a price of 30 cents, 1,9[illegible]00 tonnes at 50 cents and 1,86[illegible]00 tonnes at 70 cents per lb.

The 49-nation ICCO, in this st ever study of its kind by one of the bodies administering ne various international commodity agreements, emphasises certa qualifications which must be nsidered in forecasting up to a decade ahead.

It says production varies arely from year to year, depend mainly on timing and quantity rainfall. Thus, its estimates should be considered to refer a "normal year" which mig operationally be considered as a three-year average centred on a specified year.

In addition to assuming normal weather, its forecasts also assume cocoa prices are sufficient remunerative to provide incentive for continuation of current coc development programmes ad implementation of new progra mes and that no major ne problems arising from diseases ad pests are encountered.

The consumption estimates imply a continuation of past trends and there may be developments, such as in the use of vegetable fats as substitutes for cocoa butter, which will qualify these forecasts in the future, the ICCO says.

Estimated production for 1979-80 of 1,790,000 tonnes is the same as the estimated consumption for that year using the price of 50 US cents per lb measured in January, 1975, dollars. Given an inflation rate of 7 per cent per annum, the study says this would imply an equilibrium price in 1979-80 of approximately 70 US cents per lb, measured in 1979-80 dollars.

In contrast, estimated production for 1984-85 of 2,300,000 tonnes exceeds forecast consumption of 1,990,400 tonnes using the price of 50 cents measured in 1975 dollars by 310,000 tonnes.

This lower rate of production increase from 1979-80 to 1984-85 than between 1974-75 and 1979-80 is because production from trees which are expected to be planted in the mid-1970s will not make a significant impact on overall production until 1984-85.

The study's results are based on many assumptions which may prove invalid, the ICCO says, but prospects of substantial increases in supply in the 1980s do suggest the need for early measures to ensure the development of new markets to avoid any need to check the industry's expansion.

The study contains detailed surveys of five main producing countries—Ghana, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Brazil and Cameroon—which accounted for 79 per cent of world cocoa bean output between 1970-71 and 1974-75.

Sole sugar offer refused

Brussels, Aug 20.—The long term EEC white sugar export tender for a maximum 200,000 tonnes a year, which opened on July 16 for the Iranian and Moroccan markets, is likely to be closed with no valid offers, informed sources said.

The only offer so far made was by the French trader Sucres et Denrees with a proposed four-year contract for Iran totalling 300,000 tonnes at 75,000 tonnes a year, they said.

However, this was not accepted by the European Commission because of disagreement over the level of monetary compensatory amounts to be set over the period.

Also, Morocco is more interested in raws now that it has built up its own refining industry, the sources said.

EEC traders had protested to the Commission that the tender was never in fact open to competitive offers as the contract between Sucres et Denrees and Iran was drawn up in advance.

The sources said that the French house will probably still be able to supply Iran but with sugar outside EEC quotas which is sold on a private commercial basis without the Commission setting conditions.

They added that there is still sufficient surplus sugar around to fulfil Iran's needs and noted that France has sharply increased its beet refining capacity.

The sources said that the Commission's decision last week to open a standing invitation to tender to determine levies and/or refunds on white sugar exports from August 27, is a precautionary measure to facilitate sales of potentially large beet surpluses in the Community this year.

Despite some poor initial test results, reasonable amounts of rain could still produce a sizable surplus, they said.

Wall Street

New York, Aug 20.—The stock market plunged for the second consecutive session carrying the Dow Jones Industrial Average below the 800 level. The index sank 15.25 points to 793.26 on top of a loss of 14.24 points on Tuesday. About 1,300 issues declined to 190 gains. Volume totalled 18,630,000 shares, compared with 14,990,000 shares on Tuesday.

Analysts said the plunge of the past two sessions was motivated largely by apprehension among investors

NY silver declines

New York, Aug 20.—Silver futures ignored the usual bargains influence of strong widespread grain markets today and plunged by more than 5 [illegible] from recent levels. Traders ascribed the markets decline to heavy liquidation by a large speculator. Pressure from that source attracted selling from the local trade. Aug, 486.00c; Sept, 467.10c; Oct, 461.70c; Dec, 461.00c; Jan, 463.00c; March, 471.00c; May, 477.10c; July, 481.40c; Sept, 489.70c; Dec, 502.10c. Sales were 8,[illegible] lots. New York—48[illegible] (477.00). Handy & Harman, Canada—[illegible] (5,477.[illegible]).

GOLD.—Gold futures closed slightly higher in fairly quiet trading as both the New York Comex and the Chicago IMM ended the session up on the higher Comex volume was 6[illegible] lots against 8[illegible] yesterday, while IMM volume was estimated at 1,900 contracts. NEW YORK COMEX.—Aug, [illegible]; Sept, [illegible]; Oct, $161.10; Dec, $167.00; Feb, $170.00; April, $173.00; June, $176.10; Aug, $179.10; Oct, $182.10; Dec, $185.10. CHICAGO IMM.—Sept, [illegible]; Dec, $167.10-167.[illegible]; March, $171.60; June, $176.00; Sept, $181.10 bid; Dec, $185.40 bid.

COPPER.—Closed steady, 0.[illegible] up. Sales, 0.[illegible] lots. Aug, 60.90c; Sept, 61.10c; Oct, 61.70c; Dec, 62.40c; March, 64.80c; May, 65.80c; July, 66.80c; Sept, 68.00-67.70c.

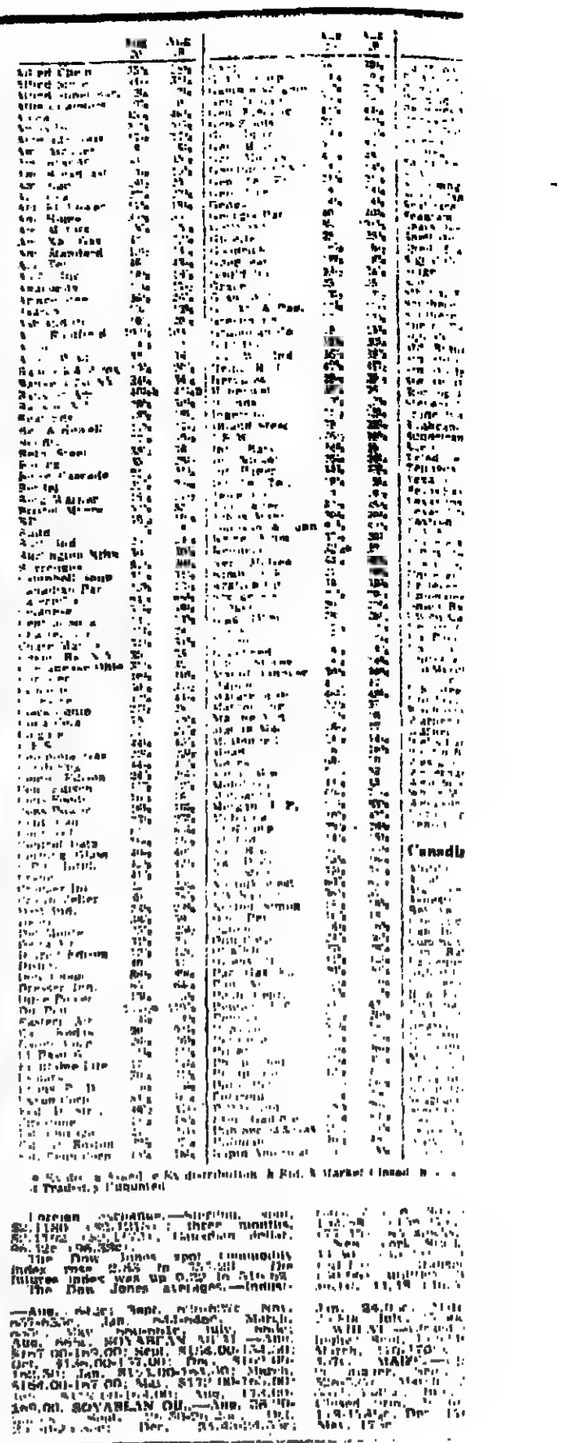
SUGAR.—World sugar futures reached the limit decline of 1.00c during the close, mainly because of speculative selling after prices rallied repeatedly to snap out of today's irregular decline. No alleviation moves were required at the close, possibly because of scale-down price bids by United States refiners. Sept, 20.00c; Sept, 19.[illegible]-19.25c; Oct, 18.[illegible]-19.[illegible]; Jan, 18.[illegible]; March, 18.00-17.89; May, 17.70-17.[illegible]; July, 17.10c nominal; Sept, 17.25c nominal; Oct, 17.10c.

COCOA.—Cocoa futures collapsed as much as 2.00c limit today on new short selling and stop loss activity led by weakness in London cocoa. The deferred months held smaller losses of about 1.00c. Sept, 84.85c; Dec, 85.[illegible]c; March, 87.50c; May, 89.55c; July, 87.35c; Sept, 86.35c; Dec, 85.50c. Spot: Ghana, 77.5c; Bahia, 79.[illegible].

COFFEE.—Coffee futures went through another spiritless session to close 0.75 to 0.85c lower on the poor turnover of 1,[illegible] contracts. Earlier, prices inched fractionally higher on small speculative buying sparked by the advance of some of the trend setting commodity markets. Sept, 85.70-85.00c; Nov, 85.50c; Dec, 85.10c; March, 84.[illegible]; May, 84.00-83.00c; July, 83.[illegible]. COTTON closed steady, positive 2.[illegible] Oct, 51.75c; Dec, 52.[illegible]; March, 53.[illegible]; May, [illegible]; July, 54.[illegible]; Oct, 54.45-54.50c; Dec, 55.[illegible]-54.75c.

WOOL.—Fine wool futures closed 0.10 to 0.15c down on an estimated 1[illegible] sales. Crossbreds remained unsold, with closing prices remaining 0.35 to 0.[illegible] down. GREASE WOOL.—Oct, 153.5-157.0c; Dec, 154.0-157.0c; March, 157.5-158.5c; May, 159.5-160.0c; July, 161.0-161.5c; Oct, 150.0c bid; Dec, 150.0c bid. CROSSBREED.—Oct, 78.5-80.0c; Dec, 79.0-85.0c; March, 79.0-85.5c; May, 80.0c bid; July, 80.0c bid; Oct, 80.0c bid; Dec, 80.0c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Soy products fell, after Beans lost most gains going into the close. Oil followed off 0.37 to up 0.10c a lb and meal $3 up to 20c a ton down after substantial commercial sell pressure. SOYABEANS, [illegible]



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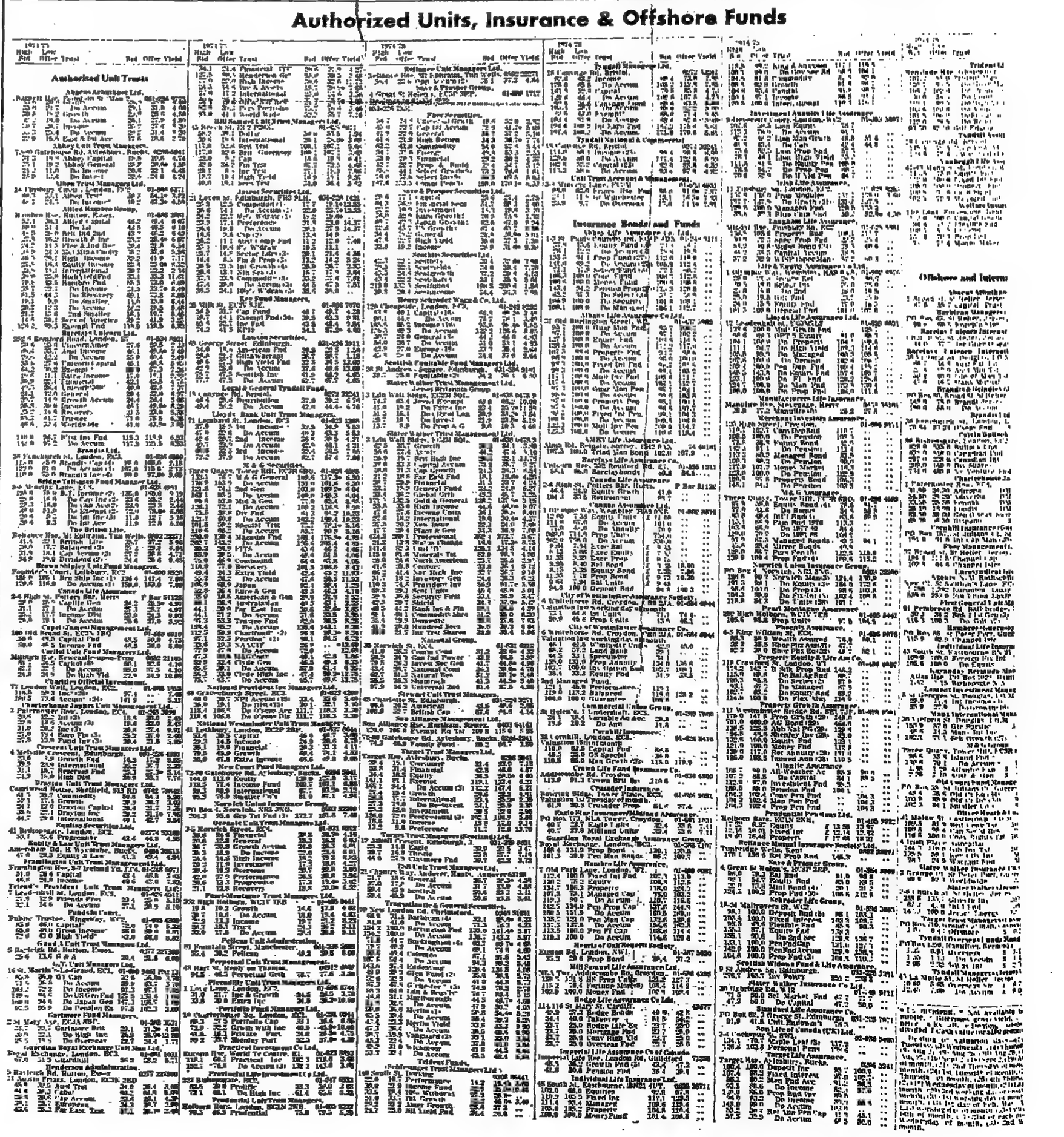

Stock Exchange prices

Equities quiet

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began Aug 11. Dealings End Today. § Contango Day, Aug 22. Settlement Day, Sept 2.

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY Afore ye go

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL A—B

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (pence)	Yld %	P/E
176	48	AAH	123	..	12.7	10.3	5.2
103	22	AB Electronic	30	..	6.1	20.4	2.1
65	36	AC Cars	40	..	1.4	3.4	15.4
100	43	AD Inv	94	..	3.5	3.7	10.7
66	15	AGB Research	36	..	3.3	9.3	5.5
220	93	APV Hldgs	173	-2	13.0	7.5	6.5
86	21	AVP Ind	46	..	3.7	8.0	4.1
82	13	Aaronson Bros	34	..	2.4	7.0	8.8
16	9½	Abrasives Int	12	..	2.2	17.9	4.1
100½	48	Acrow	88	-3	5.7	8.7	8.1
74½	23½	De A	64	..	5.7	8.9	8.0
31½	15¾	Adams Food	19	..	1.6	8.3	10.0
30	5	Adda Int	8	..	..	..	..
170	57	Advent Group	90	-1	9.2b	9.7	5.2
48	6	Aerod't & Gen.	18	..	1.5	8.3	8.8
115	68	Airfix Ind	100	-5	4.3	4.3	9.4
66	27½	De NV	35	..	4.3	7.8	5.2
90	22	Albright & W	29	-1	5.3	8.9	4.2
79	53	Alcan 10¼%	170	..	1060	15.0	..
83	54	De 9¾% CnV	86½	..	900	13.5	..
48	25	Allen E.	42	-1	5.3	12.7	3.9
49	12	Allen W. G.	26	..	3.3	13.9	4.4
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	29	+½	1.8	8.1	7.1
120	28	Allied Colloids	62	..	2.3	3.8	8.5
20	7½	Allied Insulators	15	+½	1.6	10.9	4.6
27	9	Allied Plant	30½	..	1.1	3.5	16.7
87	30	Allied Polymer	65	..	6.4	9.7	7.6
82	7	Allied Retailers	82	..	6.8	13.1	5.0
41	7	Alpine Hldgs	14	..	..	..	8.4
186	132	Anal Metal	173	..	18.6	10.8	1.9
70	16	Anal Power	39½	..	4.7	12.2	4.2
44½	26	Amber Day	28	..	2.2	8.3	3.5
11	8½	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	..	0.6	8.9	4.0
54	24	Ancher Chem	34	..	5.2	15.4	4.2
174½	87½	Anderson Strath	117	+4	13.1b	11.2	3.9
810	325	Anglo Amer Ind	700	..	35.5	4.7	10.4
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	33	..	4.7	14.3	3.0
135	32½	Anglo-Thai Corp	100	-3	3.0	2.0	4.7
129	47	Anglovent	58	..	2.4	8.7	10.7
51	30	Appleyard	38	+1	5.5	15.7	5.0
54	24	Aquascutum 'A'	18½	..	1.7	9.4	6.0
78	29	Arlington Mtr	56	..	10.0	17.5	5.5
104	27	Armitage Shanks	36	..	6.1	16.9	7.8
47½	13	Arnott Equip	23	..	2.4	7.4	5.7
50	33	Asprey Pr'ts Pf	37½	..	6.3	16.7	..
69	22½	Ass Biscuit	60	..	3.7	6.2	5.8
67	18½	De A	64	..	3.7	6.9	8.0
16	2½	Ass Brit Eng	3½	..	..	..	..
55	21½	Ass Brit Food	84½	..	2.4	4.5	9.1
59½	34	Ass Engineer	47	..	5.8b	12.0	6.1
89½	34	Ass Fisheries	36	-2	5.5	15.3	5.0
37½	8½	Ass. Leisure	23½	+½	2.6	15.2	7.3
166	82	Ass News	96	..	6.6	6.9	8.0
37	18	Ass Paper	29½	+½	4.0	14.0	2.6
109	61	Ass Port Cement	146	..	10.4	7.1	12.4
73	22	Ass Tel 'A'	37	-2	5.8	16.2	5.7
32	27	Ass Tooling	30	..	2.9	9.5	4.5
18	4	Avebury & Mdley	21	..	1.3	6.3	4.4
129	47	Atlas Stone	50	..	7.2	14.3	4.5
25	11	Attwood Garage	12	..	2.2	18.0	9.2
12	10	Audiotronic	12	..	2.2	18.1	7.6
32	13	Ault & Wiborg	23½	..	3.3b	14.2	5.5
134	79	Aurora Hldgs	8	..	1.2b	15.0	2.8
55	8	Austin E.	43	..	4.5	10.4	3.1
50	13	Automotive Pd	23	+1½	3.3	14.2	5.7
173	41½	Averys	88	..	6.7	7.8	9.0
131	29	Avon Rubber	30	-2	..	..	2.2
87	17	BBA Grp	50	+1	2.7	7.5	9.7
137	58	BICC	101	..	10.7	10.1	7.4
58½	22½	BOC Int	43½	..	4.9b	11.3	6.0
112	43	BPB Ind	96	..	8.6b	10.1	5.9
49	14	BPM Hldgs 'A'	30	..	3.7	18.8	4.8
38½	21	BSG Int	35½	..	..	..	10.4
60	31	BSR Ltd	60	-1½	3.2	5.3	5.6
130	43½	BTR Ltd	129½	+½	10.0b	7.8	9.6
116	28	Babcock & W	35	-3	2.7	2.8	9.1
80	16	Bacal Const	18	..	..	..	2.0
35	17	Baggeridge Brk	28	..	2.7	14.8	4.8
12	4½	Bailey C. H. Ord	5½	-½	0.3	4.9	2.8
40	13	Baird W. S.	61	..	11.6	19.0	4.1
74	16	Baker Perkins	38	..	4.0	10.5	11.5
57	18	Bamberger's	35	..	3.7	10.5	4.8
43	2½	Barker & Dixon	4½	..	..	..	..
338	132	Barlow Rand	318	-15	12.5	4.0	8.2
32	13	Barr & Wallace	41	..	4.3	9.8	29.1
11	7	De A	42	..	4.2	10.1	28.2
115	34	Barratt Devs	85	-1	9.0b	10.5	4.2
44½	10½	Barrow Hepbn	38	+2	4.4b	11.7	4.9
79	16	Barton & Sons	31	..	3.8	12.4	3.2
84	19	Bassett G.	50	-1	3.5b	6.1	8.8
49½	17½	Bath & P'land	38½	..	2.9	11.6	5.5
137	87	Baxter Fell	65	..	7.7	11.8	2.2
51	17	Beales J.	17	..	3.1	18.1	5.3
54	30	Beatson Clark	34	..	5.5	16.8	6.9
90	22	Beauford Grp	28	..	3.7	19.1	7.3
37	25	Beaverbrook	35	..	0.5e	0.9	..
12	4½	De A	8	..	0.9e	1.8	..
27	7	Beckman A.	45	..	6.7	15.0	5.4
186	132	Beecham Grp	278	-2	7.9	2.8	12.2
70	46	Belam Grp	90	-1	4.9	5.4	16.5
44½	22	Benrose Corp	25	+½	3.4b	13.3	3.7
11	6	Bean Brse	15½	+½	2.7	17.1	7.8
180	85	Bensons Int	180	..	6.1	3.4	7.8
123	87	Berisford S. & W.	184	+1	3.1	2.0	7.3
51	17	Berkshards	28	..	3.0	11.4	3.5
41	16	Berwick Timpo	22	..	2.3	7.1	2.3
109	43	Bestobell	75	..	10.9b	9.8	6.1
80	31½	Bett Bros	65	..	4.1b	6.3	6.0
129	32	Bibby J.	57	..	7.7	13.5	5.4
43	19	Billam J.	43	..	4.5	10.5	5.5
90	17	Birm'gham Mint	30	..	5.8	19.1	..
109	61	Bishops Stores	122	..	3.0	2.4	13.4
84	27	De A NV	84	-2	3.0	3.5	9.8
183	53	Black & Edg'ton	104	..	7.7	7.4	9.0
9	3	Blackman & C	13½	..	2.3m	17.0	4.5
148	57½	Blackwd Hodge	126½	..	4.3	3.4	8.7
41	27	Blackwood M'r	31	..	..	..	..
30	14	Blackwell & M	29	..	2.1	7.0	4.0
27	8	Blundell Perm	23	+1	3.4	10.6	4.5
16	8½	Boardman C. O.	9½	..	1.2	21.0	2.8
35	9	Bodycote	9½	..	1.6	16.0	3.1
32	5	Bolton Trstlle	9½	..	1.8	19.5	3.1
37	12	Bonas Webb	23	..	2.1	9.1	6.0
104	37	Bonser McCan	134	-1	5.1	8.0	6.4
143	30	B'ley & Metkes	92	+2	5.8	6.3	8.8
110	53	Boot H.	88	..	6.7	9.9	8.7
130½	45	Boots	198	-1	3.5	3.2	12.3
7	3	Boulton W.	16	..	1.5	12.3	4.8
173½	54	Bowater Corp	150	..	10.9b	7.3	7.1
45	16	Bowthorpe Hldgs	28	..	1.9	7.3	7.4
45	15	Braby Leslie	45	..	4.4	9.7	2.9
70	40	Brady G.	74	..	8.0	14.8	3.5
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12	4½	Bailey C. H. Ord	5½	-½	0.3	4.9	2.8
40	13	Baird W. S.	61	..	11.6	19.0	4.1
74	16	Baker Perkins	38	..	4.0	10.5	11.5
57	18	Bamberger's	35	..	3.7	10.5	4.8
43	2½	Barker & Dixon	4½	..	..	..	..
338	132	Barlow Rand	318	-15	12.5	4.0	8.2
32	13	Barr & Wallace	41	..	4.3	9.8	29.1
11	7	De A	42	..	4.2	10.1	28.2
115	34	Barratt Devs	85	-1	9.0b	10.5	4.2
44½	10½	Barrow Hepbn	38	+2	4.4b	11.7	4.9
79	16	Barton & Sons	31	..	3.8	12.4	3.2
84	19	Bassett G.	50	-1	3.5b	6.1	8.8
49½	17½	Bath & P'land	38½	..	2.9	11.6	5.5
137	87	Baxter Fell	65	..	7.7	11.8	2.2
51	17	Beales J.	17	..	3.1	18.1	5.3
54	30	Beatson Clark	34	..	5.5	16.8	6.9
90	22	Beauford Grp	28	..	3.7	19.1	7.3
37	25	Beaverbrook	35	..	0.5e	0.9	..
12	4½	De A	8	..	0.9e	1.8	..
27	7	Beckman A.	45	..	6.7	15.0	5.4
186	132	Beecham Grp	278	-2	7.9	2.8	12.2
70	46	Belam Grp	90	-1	4.9	5.4	16.5
44½	22	Benrose Corp	25	+½	3.4b	13.3	3.7
11	6	Bean Brse	15½	+½	2.7	17.1	7.8
180	85	Bensons Int	180	..	6.1	3.4	7.8
123	87	Berisford S. & W.	184	+1	3.1	2.0	7.3
51	17	Berkshards	28	..	3.0	11.4	3.5
41	16	Berwick Timpo	22	..	2.3	7.1	2.3
109	43	Bestobell	75	..	10.9b	9.8	6.1
80	31½	Bett Bros	65	..	4.1b	6.3	6.0
129	32	Bibby J.	57	..	7.7	13.5	5.4
43	19	Billam J.	43	..	4.5	10.5	5.5
90	17	Birm'gham Mint	30	..	5.8	19.1	..
109	61	Bishops Stores	122	..	3.0	2.4	13.4
84	27	De A NV	84	-2	3.0	3.5	9.8
183	53	Black & Edg'ton	104	..	7.7	7.4	9.0
9	3	Blackman & C	13½	..	2.3m	17.0	4.5
148	57½	Blackwd Hodge	126½	..	4.3	3.4	8.7
41	27	Blackwood M'r	31	..	..	..	..
30	14	Blackwell & M	29	..	2.1	7.0	4.0
27	8	Blundell Perm	23	+1	3.4	10.6	4.5
16	8½	Boardman C. O.	9½	..	1.2	21.0	2.8
35	9	Bodycote	9½	..	1.6	16.0	3.1
32	5	Bolton Trstlle	9½	..	1.8	19.5	3.1
37	12	Bonas Webb	23	..	2.1	9.1	6.0
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143	30	B'ley & Metkes	92	+2	5.8	6.3	8.8
110	53	Boot H.	88	..	6.7	9.9	8.7
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7	3	Boulton W.	16	..	1.5	12.3	4.8
173½	54	Bowater Corp	150	..	10.9b	7.3	7.1
45	16	Bowthorpe Hldgs	28	..	1.9	7.3	7.4
45	15	Braby Leslie	45	..	4.4	9.7	2.9
70	40	Brady G.	74	..	8.0	14.8	3.5
60	29	De A	51	+1	8.0	15.7	3.3
22	10	Brahma Millar	19	+½	2.2	12.3	4.1
117	37	Brand Group	30	..	3.7b	12.3	5.2
810	325	Anglo Amer Ind	700	..	35.5	4.7	10.4
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	33	..	4.7	14.3	3.0
135	32½	Anglo-Thai Corp	100	-3	3.0	2.0	4.7
129	47	Anglovent	58	..	2.4	8.7	10.7
51	30	Appleyard	38	+1	5.5	15.7	5.0
54	24	Aquascutum 'A'	18½	..	1.7	9.4	6.0
78	29	Arlington Mtr	56	..	10.0	17.5	5.5
104	37	Armitage Shanks	36	..	6.1	16.9	7.8
47½	13	Arnott Equip	23	..	2.4	7.4	5.7
50	33	Asprey Pr'ts Pf	37½	..	6.3	16.7	..
69	22½	Ass Biscuit	60	..	3.7	6.2	5.8
67	18½	De A	64	..	3.7	6.9	8.0
16	2½	Ass Brit Eng	3½	..	..	..	..
55	21½	Ass Brit Food	84½	..	2.4	4.5	9.1
59½	34	Ass Engineer	47	..	5.8b	12.0	6.1
89½	34	Ass Fisheries	36	-2	5.5	15.3	5.0
37½	8½	Ass. Leisure	23½	+½	2.6	15.2	7.3
166	82	Ass News	96	..	6.6	6.9	8.0
37	18	Ass Paper	29½	+½	4.0	14.0	2.6
109	61	Ass Port Cement	146	..	10.4	7.1	12.4
73	22	Ass Tel 'A'	37	-2	5.8	16.2	5.7
32	27	Ass Tooling	30	..	2.9	9.5	4.5
18	4	Avebury & Mdley	21	..	1.3	6.3	4.4
129	47	Atlas Stone	50	..	7.2	14.3	4.5
25	11	Attwood Garage	12	..	2.2	18.0	9.2
12	10	Audiotronic	12	..	2.2	18.1	7.6
32	13	Ault & Wiborg	23½	..	3.3b	14.2	5.5
134	79	Aurora Hldgs	8	..	1.2b	15.0	2.8
55	8	Austin E.	43	..	4.5	10.4	3.1
50	13	Automotive Pd	23	+1½	3.3	14.2	5.7
173	41½	Averys	88	..	6.7	7.8	9.0
131	29	Avon Rubber	30	-2	..	..	2.2
87	17	BBA Grp	50	+1	2.7	7.5	9.7
137	58	BICC	101	..	10.7	10.1	7.4
58½	22½	BOC Int	43½	..	4.9b	11.3	6.0
112	43	BPB Ind	96	..	8.6b	10.1	5.9
49	14	BPM Hldgs 'A'	30	..	3.7	18.8	4.8
38½	21	BSG Int	35½	..	..	..	10.4
60	31	BSR Ltd	60	-1½	3.2	5.3	5.6
130	43½	BTR Ltd	129½	+½	10.0b	7.8	9.6
116	28	Babcock & W	35	-3	2.7	2.8	9.1
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Secretarial and General Appointments

GENERAL

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/SECRETARY

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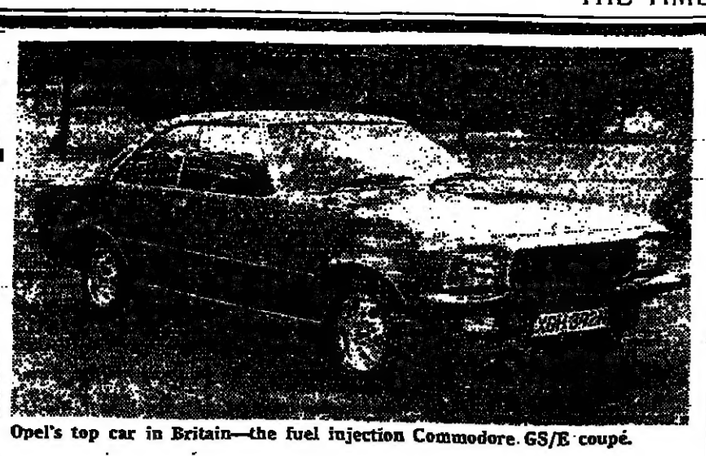
and motor cycles are prind by young people, from 16 out 25. Some people return eels later on, though as a - to, rather than a replace- their cars. The expensive " motor cycles are enjoying among professional people, while accounting for only a small part of the market.

The industry is convinced that the boom will continue and has demonstrated its confidence by mounting the first big Motor Cycle Show in London for eight years. Designed to coincide with National Motorbike Week, the show opens at Earls Court on August 30 and will run until September 4. The hundred exhibitors include all the leading names in the motor cycle world.



Opel's top car in Britain—the fuel injection Commodore GS/E coupé.

Road test: Opel GS/E Coupé

The GS/E is the top model in Opel's United Kingdom range, the E denoting fuel injection, which has increased the output of the 2.8 litre six-cylinder engine from 142 to 160 brake horsepower, giving a maximum speed approaching 120 mph. The car is very well equipped, with automatic transmission, power steering and four-wheel disc brakes among the standard items, and as a robust high-speed cruiser it has obvious attractions.

There can be few doubts about its performance. Going from 0 to 60 mph in just over 10 seconds may mean it has less acceleration than some, but once "wound up" the car has an impressive surge of power, with the automatic kickdown available for quick overtaking. The automatic transmission is excellent, the gears well spaced, and the changes unobtrusive. The engine, which always started instantly on the model I tested, is very smooth and quiet, even at speed; there was some wind noise, but it appeared to be caused by inadequate window sealing, which should be easy to remedy. Fuel consumption is reasonable for such a car, and my experience suggests a range of 18 to 24 mpg.

The car has safe and predictable handling, with a welcome absence of roll on corners, and good roadholding. I should warn the unsuspecting driver, however, that fierce starts can set up wheel-spin. The steering is a little vague, though the power assistance makes the car easy to park. The ride, for a £5,000 car, is no more than mediocre, however.

There is ample leg room for the tall driver, and controls are neatly to hand; the seats are well shaped, though they felt hard at the back over a long drive, and the velvet cloth trim marks easily. Head room is not generous, front or back, and when the car lurched as I have described, I sometimes found my head hitting the roof. Rear leg room is also restricted, though the answer there would be to buy the four-door (and cheaper) saloon instead of the coupé.

On paper, the ventilation system looks ideal, with a large central vent and separately adjustable side vents. But even with the noisy fan on its top setting it was impossible to get an adequate flow of fresh air, and even on a moderately humid day I found myself having to open the window. A sun roof is fitted.

The wash and wipe for the headlamps will be useful during the winter weather, and the long list of standard items also includes full carpeting, vinyl roof, heated rear window, extra driving lights and inertia-reel seat belts.

The biggest criticism of the GS/E is its price. Because of the strength of the mark against the pound, all German cars tend to be expensive in Britain. Even so, £5,328 is a lot to pay for what is a fairly conventional vehicle, and the potential buyer who listens to Mr Peter Shore will discover that the quieter and more refined Jaguar XJ 4.2 is available for only another £70.

Super-Mercedes

Although sales of its top-priced models have fallen, while diesel sales have boomed, Mercedes-Benz will make an ambitious new attempt to woo the world's most discriminating car buyers at the Frankfurt Motor Show next month (Gordon Wilkins writes). Outwardly similar to the long-wheelbase version of the 450 SE, voted Car of the Year in 1973, the new model has Europe's biggest car engine, a 6.9 litre V8 delivering 286 bhp. It is so big that they have omitted the sump and given it dry-sump lubrication like a racing car.

New, too, is the self-levelling hydropneumatic suspension, which gives a softer, quieter ride and better roadholding than steel springs. It is also far ahead of the air suspension on the 6.3, previously the fastest Mercedes saloon, of which about 6,500 had been built when production ceased in 1972. Driving a 6.3 over rough mountain roads behind a 6.9 that was not being driven flat out, I had to work hard to keep up.

On the 6.9 you see the bumps coming, but generally you neither feel nor hear them. Anti-dive front suspension keeps the car level when the ventilated disc brakes are used hard, and anti-squat rear suspension prevents the tail from dipping as it accelerates from standstill to 60 mph in just over seven seconds, and to 100 mph in 18. The engine has so much torque that the makers have been able to use an axle ratio of 2.65 to 1. At 70 mph it is turning over at a lazy 2,900 rpm and at 100 mph it is doing only 4,140. It remained relaxed and silent even at its maximum speed of 140 mph.

The latest Bosch air measuring injection helps to reduce fuel consumption, Mercedes claiming between 11 and 20 mpg with 17 mpg at a steady 70 mph.

The 450 SEL 6.9, as it is called, is the most impressive Mercedes I have driven. Production is starting slowly, and right-hand drive models are unlikely to be here until early next year. The price may be at least £20,000, putting the 6.9 in the Rolls-Royce class.

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BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University:* Warsaw (1): Planning. 7.05, Politics of Dependence. 7.30-7.55, Laws of Nature. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 5.25 pm, Open University:* People and Organization. 5.50, Tolstoy. 6.15, Computers. 6.40, Beethoven. 7.05, San Francisco Railway (1).
7.30 Newsday.
7.55 Cornish Shipwreck: Part 6. Of wrecks and races.
8.10 Vienna 1900: Part 2. A Confirmed Bachelor, with Robert Stephens.
9.00 All in the Family.
9.25 Ten Years of Man Alive: 1970, Gale is Dead.
10.15 Gardeners' World.
10.45 It's a Small World: Motoring Miniatures.
10.55 News.
11.25-11.30, Georgine Anderson reads How to Get On in Society, by John Betjeman.

Southern

11.00 am, Consider Science. 11.20, Our Asian Neighbours. 11.40, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.05 pm, Skippy. 12.30, Hammy Hamster. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.25, The Count of Monte Cristo. 4.50, The Beachcombers. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.35, Survival. 7.05, Film: Cast a Long Shadow, with Audie Murphy, Terry Moore. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Film: Crosscurrent, with Robert Hooks, Jeremy Slate, Jose Ferrer. 12.10 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Guideline.

Tyne Tees

12.35 pm, Starting Point. 12.40, Thames. 1.25, Where the Jobs are. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Today. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Zoo Gang. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, The Odd Couple. 11.00, A Place in History. Cinema. 11.30, News. 11.35, Lullaby.

Scottish

11.55 am, Man and his World. 12.10 pm, Nights in the Garden of Spain. 12.33, Professor Balthazar. 12.40, Thames. 1.25, Road Knport. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, Tarzan. 5.20, Lassie. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scottish News. 6.05, Bobby. 7.00, The Persuaders. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Late Call. 10.35-11.20, Festival Cinema.

Anglia

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.25, Bonnie Broon. 5.55, Fantastic Voyage. 6.20, ATV. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.20, Arena. 8.35, ATV. 7.00, Gambit. 7.30, The Protectors. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Orson Welles Great Mysteries. 11.00, Movie. 11.30, Date in. 11.55, The Living Word.

Thames

10.25 am, The Houndcats. 10.45, A Big Country. 11.20, Spiderman. 11.40, Galloping Gourmet. 12.05 pm, Bush Boy. 12.30, Harry Town. 12.40, Pipkins. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Time to Work. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.25, Racing from York. 4.25, Rainbow. 4.45, Sinbad Junior. 4.50, Cowboy in Africa.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Comedy Premiere. Honey, with Michael Bates.
7.30 Grift.
8.30 Pilger.
9.00 Moody and Pegg.
10.00 News.
10.30 Drive-In.
11.00 Elusive Geisha; documentary.
12.00 What the Papers Say.
12.15 It Matters to Me.

Westward

11.50 am, Let's Face It. 12.15 pm, Tomfoolery Show. 12.38, Gus Honeybun. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, Folktime. 4.50, ATV. 5.20, The Protectors. 5.55, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.32, Westward News. 10.35, Acker at Large. 11.05, Night Gallery. 11.35, Faith for Life.

ATV

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.20, Lunchtime Newsdesk. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, The Funky Phantom. 4.50, Castaway. 5.20, Rock on with 45. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Barnaby Jones. 8.00, Comedy Premiere. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Gardening. 11.00, Police Surgeon. 11.30, What the Papers Say. 11.40, Father Paschal.

Granada

10.30 am, Catch Kandy. 10.55, It's Fun to Read. 11.05, A Place to Live. 11.20, The Nature of Things. 12.15 pm, The Amazing Chan. 12.35, Cartoon. 12.40, Thames. 1.20, What on Earth. 1.30, Thames. 4.25, The Osmonds. 4.50, Survival. 5.15, Dodo. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada News. 6.05, Rock on with 45. 6.35, Lucy. 7.05, Combat. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 10.30, Orson Welles Great Cysteries. 11.00, What the Papers Say. 11.20-12.20, Spyforce.

Border

12.40 pm, Thames. 1.25, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 4.25, Catch Kandy. 4.50, Fantastic Voyage. 5.20, ATV. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, Movin' On. 8.00, ATV. 8.30, Thames. 11.00, Journey to the Unknown. 11.55, Border News Summary.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.* 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 11.00, Dave Lee Travis. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat. 12.45, Johnnie Walker. 2.02, David Hamilton.* 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, John Peel. 7.02, Pops and Corns.* 7.22, Robin Richmond.* 8.02, Folk 75.* 8.30, Folkweave.* 9.02, Those Were the Days.* 10.02, Sports Desk. 10.05, Tom Edwards.* 12.00 News. 12.05, Tom Edwards.* 12.27 am, News Summary.
1 stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Tony Brandon.* (8.27, Racing Bulletin.) 9.02, Pete Murray.* (10.30, Waggoners' Walk.) 11.30, Jimmy Young.* 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.* 6.45, Sports Desk.* 7.00-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Rameau, Seiber, Vivaldi, Telemann.* 8.00, News. 8.05, Tchaikovsky, Scharwenka.* 9.00, News. 9.05, Bach. 9.45, Music for Voices. Pierl, Dubert, Sherlaw-Johnson.* 10.20, Strauss Concerto, Haydn Symphony. 11.10, Violin Recital: Rossini, Bartok, Wieniawski.* 12.20 pm, Schumann Ballads.*
1.00, News. 1.05, Piano recital Chopin.* 1.55, Two One-Act Operas by Gustav Holst, part 1: At the Boar's Head.* 2.55, Holst and Opera, talk. 3.5, Part 2: The Wandering Scholar.* 3.40, Master Lesson by Thea King, Brahms.* 5.15, Rabelaisiana.* 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.40, Voci dell'Italia. 7.00, Workface Europe.
7.30, Prom, part 1: Schubert, Britten.* 8.30, The England of Jane Austen, talk by Dr A. L. Rowse. 8.50, Prom, part 3: Sibelius.* 9.40, Plato's Republic, part 2: An Philosopher-ruler.* 10.55, Beethoven Variations.* 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45, Thought for the Day. 7.53, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.27, Sportsdesk. 8.35, Today's Papers. 8.45, Professor Wolfgull's Vital Statistics. 9.00, News. 9.05, Richard Baker. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Sports. 11.00, News. 11.05, Woman's World. 11.50, It's an Odd World. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Does the Team Think?
1.00, The World at One. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.03, Play: Hitch-hiker. 3.50, Jack de Manio. 4.35, Story Time: The Nightcomers. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, Newsdesk. 7.30, 27 Years of Any Questions. 8.00, The Trial of Adolf Eichmann. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Power House. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Think Tank, Part 4. Getting a House, and the Problems Involved. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore forecast.
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BIRTHS

BOBRES-BELL.—On August 13th, at Saverdale Hospital, Marlborough, to Cecilia (nee Brech) and John—a daughter, a welcomed sister for Henrietta.

GASS.—On August 19th, at Winchester Hospital, to Susan (nee Morgan) and Richard—a daughter (Kathryn). Not too big but not too small!

GILBEY.—On August 20th, 1975, at Colchester Maternity Home, to Beverley, wife of Simon Newman Gilbey—a son (William Henry Newman).

HILLIER.—On August 15th, to Sylvia (nee Withnell) and Anthony—a son named Paul.

HODGE.—On August 20th, at Crawley Hospital, to Rosemary (nee Tiles) and Malcolm—a daughter (Emma Olivia), a sister for James.

HOGG.—On August 19th, at Amersham Hospital, to Margaret (nee Davies) and Graham—a son (Andrew William).

HUGHES.—On August 14th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital to Shirley and Michael—a daughter (Caroline), sister for Penny.

JAMES.—On August 18th, in Hongkong, to Jill and Peter James—a son (Adrian).

LINDQVIST.—On August 19th, at Stockholm, to Jill (nee Gutteridge) and Anders—a daughter, sister for Christopher.

MACDONALD.—On August 19th, at 27 Welbeck Street, to Jacaranda (nee Craig) and Dudley—a son (Toby).

SCOTT.—On August 19th, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Sally (nee Mason) and Paul—a daughter.

STEPHENS.—On 19th August at Queen Mary's Roehampton, to Carol and Richard—a son (Benjamin), a brother to Cordelia.

VERNON.—On August 16, at Berkeley Hospital to Prue (nee Penley) and Selby—a daughter (Philippa Frances).

WHELDON.—On August 16, at the John Radcliffe, Oxford, to Elizabeth and Peter—a daughter (Zoe).

WILENKIN.—On August 16th, in Paris, to Brigitte and Boris—a son. (Mark).

MARRIAGES

TASKER : MORRIS-ROSS. — On August, 16th, at Magdalen College Chapel, Oxford, Timothy Charles Geraden Tasker to Jane Morris-Ross.

RUBY WEDDING

COOPER : STEWART-BLACK.—On August 21st, 1935, at Cambridge, Eric Holmes Cooper to Patience Stewart-Black. Present address: 22 Aldenham Avenue, Radlett, Herts.

DEATHS

ADAMS.—On Sunday 17, August, 1975, peacefully at his home, Shore Cottage, Portencross, Peter David, beloved husband of Edith. No letters, please.

AYNSLEY.—On August 18th, Rosa, dear wife of Cyril, devoted mother and grandmother, at St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, peacefully after a long illness borne with fortitude and courage.

BOWER.—On August 19, 1975, peacefully in London, Henrietta May Caribbee, widow of Cmdr. R. T. Bower R.N. (Retd), R.I.P. Funeral private. Requiem Mass, Monday, Sept. 8 at Westminster Cathedral, 11.30 a.m.

CAMERON, BERYL. See Lovett-Cameron.

CLEWORTH.—On August 19, at The Retreat, York, Eleanore, aged 79 years, late of Low-Gables, Pockill Drive, Leeds 16, and wife of Ralph, Q.C., service, St. Lawrence Church, York, Friday, August 22, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at York Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to the private chapel of J. G. Fielder & Son, 30 Clarence Street, York.

COURTNEY.—On August 16, 1975, suddenly, at Vigeois, in France, where the funeral took place, Gerald John Pickard Courtney, M.B.E., J.P., M.A., Headmaster, Isleworth Grammar School.

DUXBURY.—On August 19th, 1975, in hospital, peacefully, after a long illness, the Reverend Owen Duxbury of Thorn Cottage, North-Huish, Devon. Beloved husband of Wendy, and loving father of Christopher and Richard. Funeral service at Bovey Tracey Parish Church, Saturday, August 23rd at 11.30 a.m. Flowers to Messrs Coombes & Sons, Funeral Directors, 73 Fore Street, Bovey Tracey.

EVANS.—On Monday, 18th August, 1975, peacefully at The Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, Captain John Patrick Evans, aged 61 years of 10 Tillington Terrace, Hastings, beloved brother of Joan Margaret Audrey and David James. Funeral Service, Hastings Cemetery, Thursday, 28th August at 2 p.m. Floral tributes, or if wished in lieu of flowers, donations to Cancer Research Campaign may be sent to Hinkley Funeral Service, 50 Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings. Telephone Hastings 431461.

GEORGE.—On August 19th, 1975 in Farnborough Hospital, Kent, Charles Stuart Douglas, of Granville Road, Sevenoaks, aged 73. Beloved husband of P. Bill (Joan) and father of Felicity Whitehead and Adrian. Requiem at St Thomas' Church, Sevenoaks on Wednesday, 27th August at noon. Family flowers only please. R.I.P.

GOODHEW.—On 19th August, 1975, peacefully at home, Rudolph Victor, beloved husband of Rose Margaret and father of Gordon and Victor. Cremation private. Family flowers only.

JUDKINS.—Henry Ewart, on 15th August suddenly in hospital, aged 72, devoted brother and husband. Service Wesleyan Church, Clapham High Street, Wednesday, August 27th at 1 p.m. and afterwards at Streatham Crematorium, Rowan Rd., S.W. Flowers to Ashton Funeral Service, 369 Clapham Road, S.W.9, by 11 a.m.

LONGE.—On August 20, 1975, in hospital, Robert Bernard Longe of The Grove, Brockdish. Beloved husband of Peggy and a much loved father and a grandfather. At his request the cremation is to be held privately. No flowers please, but donations if wished to Brockdish Parish Church, c/o Barclays Bank, Harleston.

LOVETT-CAMERON.—On the 19th August, 1975, Beryl "Ben", peacefully, at her home. The daughter of the late William E. Cameron, C.S.I., of Cheltenham. Aunt of Elaine, Audrey and Bob. Most dearly loved friend of Joyce Barrow. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Neasden Lane, N.W.10, on Tuesday, 26th August at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation at Golders Green at 3.15 p.m. Flowers to James Crook Ltd., 109 High Road, N.W.10.

McKENZIE.—On August 19, 1975, at Achvora, at Eventide Home, Reay, Caithness, Maggie Williamson, daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. John McKenzie, 21 Durness Street, Thurso and former sister in the London Clinic.

MITCHELL.—On August 19th, 1975, Archibald Gordon, aged 66 yrs., of Seaford, dearly loved husband of Gertrude. Please, no flowers.

NEWELL.—On August 19th, peacefully, at Cockfield Green, Suffolk, Canon Laurence Bevil Charles Newell, M.A., Hon. C.F., beloved husband of Ann and father of Dare, Dorothy, Mark, David and Devan. Funeral 26th August at 3.30 p.m. at St. Peters, Gwsden. Cut flowers only, please.

PATRICK.—On Wednesday, 20th August, peacefully, Sir Paul Joseph, K.C.I.E., C.S.I., C.St.J. Funeral Thursday, 28th August, at 2 p.m., All Saints, East Sheen. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

STOKES.—On August 19, 1975, at a nursing home at Hythe, Kent, Marjorie, wife of the late Major R. P. Stokes, O.B.E., The Royal Leicestershire Regiment. Funeral service private.

VAUGHAN.—On 16th Aug., 1975, peacefully at his home, Ten Burrow Road, Seaton, Devon, Arthur Ronald, M.B.E., aged 91 years. Dearly loved husband of Gladys, father of Yvonne and Rosemary. Funeral service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday, 21st Aug., 11.30 a.m.

FUNERAL

BELL.—Arthur William, burial of ashes in Tilford Churchyard, Surrey, on Friday, 22nd August, at 2 p.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ASHBRIDGE.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Noel Ashbridge will be held at St. Peter's, Vere St., at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th September.

NATHAN.—The memorial alone in memory of Susan P. Nathan will be consecrated at Rainham cemetery on Thursday, August 28th, at 12 noon.

THRESHER.—A memorial service for Sidney Bennett Thresher will be held at All Hallows-by-the-Tower, Guild Church of The B. at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, 29 September.

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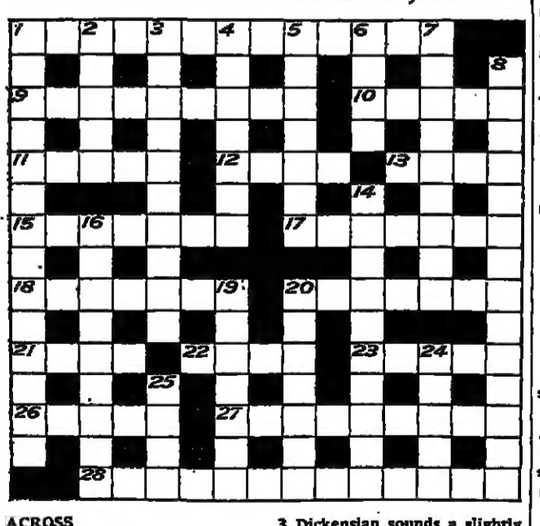


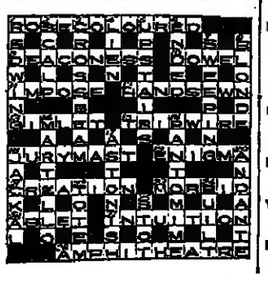
ACROSS

1 Sharp practice in duplicate bridge? (6-7).
9 They make sure boats are wrecked (9).
10 Vermin that is about, making one angry (5).
11 Danger of an Arthurian siege (5).
12 Retreat of an old penniless scot (4).
13 A sanguinary passage (4).
15 Park about to have toilet facilities (7).
17 Female Moroccan official (7).
18 Millais's inflationary commercial? (7).
20 In the Army he had no trouble finding digs (7).
21 Row putting me out of business (4).
22 Unlikely reaction to the strokes of one sort of cat (4).
23 Cry of 1 *dn* from the stalls? (5).
26 Suppose one swallowed a half-pint? (5).
27 State restriction (9).
28 They are naturally expected to make a come-back (6, 7).

DOWN

1 Teetotallers' reaction to booze—say, that's it! (14).
2 Brown appears in the pentateuch (5).
3 Dickensian sounds a slightly gloomy note? (6, 4).
4 Man's man (7).
5 A fool is indisposed, but aggressive (7).
6 Girl embraces pupil (4).
7 Fruitful means of obtaining information (9).
8 Old machines of little value, it seems (5-9).
14 Begin round bouncing about like a squash-ball? (10).
16 It's utterly incomprehensible (9).
19 Dash coupons that have to be changed! (7).
20 Vegetable cut equally? (7).
24 He declares himself an entrant (5).
25 Island within the weatherman's purview (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,077



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